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Annual Meeting and Festival begins Sept. 24 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Now is the time to make plans to join thousands of Chickasaws and friends for the week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 17th Annual Chickasaw Festival September 24 through October 2.

A variety of exciting events designed to appeal to people of all ages and all walks of life have been scheduled to take place in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as Ada and Kullihoma stomp grounds.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the State of the Nation address at 9 a.m., Saturday, October 1 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

"We look forward to another great festival," Governor Anoatubby said. "We can spend time with our friends and families celebrating the wonderful past, present and future of the Chickasaw Nation."

Following the State of the Nation address, hundreds of spectators will line Tishomingo's Main Street for the annual parade, which includes bands, floats, and a variety of other exciting entrants from across southern Oklahoma.

Other events scheduled for the day include the Chickasaw Traditional Lunch, cultural and dance troupe demonstrations, Chickasaw Artists exhibition, Band Day Extravaganza, horseshoe tournament, and more.

Festival events and activities will be conducted on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

Several events have been scheduled to take place throughout the week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Junior Olympics, softball and golf tournaments, Hall of Fame Banquet, Youthful Celebration, cultural tours and demonstrations, kids' "Fun to Learn" tent, senior arts and crafts tent, JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at the Kullihoma stomp grounds.

For information about the 45th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 17th Annual Chickasaw Festival, call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Deadline to apply August 31

2005-06 Chickasaw Princess Pageant September 26

ADA, Okla. – Three lucky young women will soon be crowned royalty during the 2005-2006 Chickasaw Princess Pageant September 26. The deadline to apply for the one of the Chickasaw Princess vacancies is August 31.

Contestants will do their best to achieve either Chickasaw Princess, 17 to 23 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16 years of age; or Little Miss Chickasaw, 7 to 11 years of age.

"The Chickasaw Nation has a long history of vibrant and dynamic women," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "and our Chickasaw Princesses help carry on that tradition as ambassadors of goodwill for the Chickasaw people."

Applicants must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw, be a registered Chickasaw citizen, be the required age by the date of the pageant, never have been married, must not have any children, must never have served as a princess in the respective category, must have reliable transportation, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco-related products during the reign as princess, attend public or private school and be working toward a diploma or be a high school graduate or equivalent. Contestants must also attend an orientation workshop and must provide their traditional dress.

The new crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The 2004-2005 Chickasaw royalty are Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall, Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worcester and Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson.

Applications may be picked up at the Youth and Family Services building on Seabrook Road in Ada or on the web at www.chickasaw.net. Applications must then be returned to the Princess Program at the Division of Youth and Family Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820.

In addition to completing the application, princess hopefuls must write an essay, have three letters of reference from non-relatives and submit a 5x7 self-portrait.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, call (580) 272-5508.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

2004-2005 Chickasaw Royalty, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Sesiley Robertson, Junior Chickasaw Princess Tesia Worcester and Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 17, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright**,** Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Traile G. Glory, Justin Presley, Toby Perkins, Mooniene Ogee, Tony Choate, Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson, Mike Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 20, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the May 20, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-051, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of $1,360,456. This amount is in addition to the Indian Community Development Block Grant tribal match of $275,360 previously approved by General Resolution 22-009. The total

request of tribal funds is $1,635,816.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR22-051. The motion was seconded by Dr. Judy Goforth Parker.

Ms. Hartman inquired of the amount to be approved. Mr. Scott Colbert noted an estimated budget for the activities was included with the resolution. It included $800,000 from the ICDBG grant, $275,360 for matching funds and $1,360,456 was additional tribal funds requested.

A motion was made by Ms. Hartman to amend GR22-051 by striking the last sentence of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

4 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 no votes

The motion to amend GR22-051 failed.

A roll call vote was taken on GR22-051 as presented.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-051 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-052, Assurances for the Youthbuild Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the tribe's application and funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs, for a Youthbuild Grant. The application will seek approval to train at-risk youth for job readiness. The resolution assures that the Chickasaw Nation has followed the citizen participation requirements for the Youthbuild program prior to submission of the application for the Youthbuild grant. The resolution states the Chickasaw Nation will commit up to $69,000 cash and up to $56,000 in-kind for leverage to support this project. The resolution states future project benefits will be directed to low- and moderate-income, at-risk youth as required annually.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-052. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-052 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE **REPORT** by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-053, Utility Right-of-Way in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves a Utility Right-of-Way easement to the City of Ada to construct and maintain utility services across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation containing 0.177 acre, more or less. Compensation for this Right-of-Way is waived in exchange for the establishment of utility services to tribal property between Rosedale and Seabrook Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-053. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-054, Request to Place Land U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Office of Field Solicitor requests a resolution specifically describing said tract to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to approve GR22-054. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-054 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-055, Agricultural Lease No. G03-2689 in Love County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2689, for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation. The lease contains 4.00 acres, more or less, and is in favor of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The proposed lease will be for a five (5) year term beginning August 1, 2004, and ending on July 31, 2009, with a per annum payment of $70.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $17.50.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-055. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-055 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-056, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Thackerville, Oklahoma, containing 164.45 acres and 58.69 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to approve GR22-056. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-056 carried unanimously.

*See **Minutes,** page 26*

Chickasaw elders the bedrock of our tribal culture

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

I have read that civilizations are judged on how they treat their elders. An indicator of a civilization on the decline is that its elder population is not being cared for properly.

It is our Chickasaw tradition to pay special respect to our tribal elders. These are the people who have sacrificed for our younger generations and have been the tribe's backbone through good times and bad. Our elders represent our ties to our tribal history, and they offer us the wisdom that continues our culture from generation to generation.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we also respect our elders by providing the type of elder programs and services necessary for a fulfilling and happy life in retirement.

We have opened 11 senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation to serve our elders. At each site, elders can enjoy fellowship and activities in a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere. Staying in touch with others and keeping busy with exciting projects are essential to a rich and rewarding retirement.

Most importantly, elders share a daily meal at the senior sites. Good nutrition is so very important for people of all ages, but it is particularly important as we grow older. We want to be sure our elders are receiving at least one good meal each day, and that they are receiving the nutrients essential to their well-being.

Through our Chickasaw Nation Health System, our elders benefit not only from the standard of quality care we dispense to all Indian people. They also

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

enjoy the benefits of health care programs specifically designated for Chickasaws, including life-enchancing prescription drugs not included on the Health System's regular formulary. Chickasaw elders may also access specially-reserved funds for unique health care needs that fall outside normal programs.

We know from our tribal experience that our elders are a great source of wisdom, knowledge and ideas. Our Chickasaw elder council comes together monthly to discuss current issues and reflect on how tribal goals were achieve in the past. The council is a vital source of information; a group of Chickasaw elders whom we seek out for guidance on any number of challenges.

All these elements, and many more, come together to form a mosaic of active, engaged Chickasaw elders. However, I believe the most important aspect of our elder programs and services is not provided by the tribal government. The most important parts of the Chickasaw elder equation are the Chickasaw elders themselves.

Our elders help, support and encourage each other. I know because I see it happen almost every day. Our elders are a group of which we can be very proud. They board buses and travel together to experience interesting places together. They conduct Indian taco sales to help pay for trips and other expenses. They gather together to play music, sing, play games and laugh. Yes, our elders are truly an amazing group.

And that's the way it has been throughout Chickasaw history. The Chickasaw Nation has consistently held its elders in high regard, and the tribe has always worked to contribute to our elders' fulfilling golden years. And that is the sign of a good and caring civilization committed to all its people.

A special thanks to our Chickasaw elders for being the bedrock of our tribal culture. As the experience of our elders is passed on to each of us, our tribe is enriched and our future brightened.

Bedre' expanding production capacity, customer base

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - Since opening its Pauls Valley factory in July, 2003, Bedre' Chocolates, a Chickasaw Enterprises facility, has tripled annual sales and made changes in operations which will allow it to continue expansion far into the future, according to manager Jeff Case.

While the current factory is a great improvement over the previous facility in Ada, Bedre' still had the potential to sell much more product than they could produce.

After some research, Case decided to move from hand-made candies to a more automated system of production.

"Some people asked if going to a more automated system would lower the quality of the product, but actually the quality is even better now," said Case. "With the new system, the ingredient mix is precisely controlled, giving us a superior, and more consistent, product."

Custom-made equipment manufactured in Europe proved to be the most efficient and effective way to increase production and maintain quality.

Production capabilities for some products have increased from several hundred per day to thousands per hour. An increase Case called "mind-boggling."

Increased capacity was followed closely by increased marketing efforts. Sales to established customers, such as high-end retailer Neiman-Marcus, have increased and relationships with a number of new customers have been established.

Braum's and Love's Country Stores are a couple of well-known Oklahoma retailers now on the Bedre' client list. In addition, Bedre' is currently negotiating with several national retail and wholesale outlets.

While Bedre' is increasing the number of outlets, it is not compromising the quality of its product.

A variety of products, including chocolate covered potato chips, nut clusters, filled pieces, candy bars and more are available.

Retailers choose the products best suited to their own needs, and many, such as Neiman-Marcus, prefer to market the products under their own brand names.

Love's Country Stores will soon be carrying high-quality Bedre'-made chocolates under a store brand at their coffee bars in a location separated from other candies.

Case said a Love's executive was excited at the prospect of offering Bedre' quality chocolates, which he characterized as "bringing class to the masses."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Great Bedre' chocolate - and lots of it!

Bedre' Chocolates utilizes custom-made equipment from a variety of European manufacturers to effectively and efficiently produce the highest quality chocolates.

Precise mixing of ingredients is done in large tanks which hold hundreds of gallons of liquid chocolate.

Chocolate in the tanks is heated to precise temperatures at an exacting rate to provide a perfectly "tempered" chocolate.

Water-jacketed pipes deliver the chocolate to enrobers at the precise temperature to provide the perfect consistency to coat chips, nuts, cookies and other centers.

Similarly, precisely heated chocolate is delivered to molds, which form everything from chocolate coins to bite-sized filled pieces and candy bars.

Other tanks contain peanut butter, caramel and other ingredients for centers of candy bars and filled pieces.

From there, conveyers transport the confections through cooling tunnels with precisely controlled temperature, air flow and humidity. Candy emerging from the tunnels is dry and ready to package.

Chocolate covered chips are packaged by hand into custom-made cans, while most other products are machine wrapped.

A bunch-wrapper seals chocolate coins in foil which shows the detail of design on the top surface, "bunching" the foil to provide a tight seal underneath.

"Before we purchased this machine, we would have four people standing at the end of the line (where the coins were produced) wrapping each piece by hand," said Bedre' manager Jeff Case. "That was not very efficient, to say the least."

Twist wrappers are used for the bite-sized filled chocolates branded as "meltaways" because they literally melt in your mouth.

"People say our chocolate melts in your mouth, and that's true," said Case. " Our chocolate has a higher cocoa butter content and we don't use paraffin, so it actually melts at body temperature."

Flow-wrappers are used to quickly and efficiently seal candy bars in an attractive foil package.

Bedre' worker Karen Reeves places chips on the enrober machine, which coats them with milk chocolate.

Legislative activity described to elder council

Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

Yesterday I enjoyed the privilege of being one of the legislators invited as a special guest at our Chickasaw Elders Council Meeting. (They "let" Scott Colbert, Wanda Scott, Dean McManus and myself be their at their program!). The Elders Council is an extraordinary group of people, interesting and talented. Such a treat to hear the stories they tell.

For our part, Wanda Scott spoke on our legislative process, from when an idea becomes a resolution to committee and then, if the resolution is deemed worthwhile by the committee to which it was assigned, all the way to the agenda to be voted on by the entire body of the Legislature. Wanda spoke on all the opportunities offered through Education Department. She is Chair of the Education Committee and urged everyone to encourage people who wish to continue their education, in any field, to get their application into the Education Department. Now is the time!

Dean McManus is the Chair of the Human Resources Committee and she told of all kinds of legislation handled by her committee. Examples were almost all grant applications and all appointments to Tribal boards made by the Governor. For my part, I talked about the formation of the committees, the decisions on who will chair each committee and who will be on it. Also, I probably "jumped in" on my fellow legislators' presentations as what they said reminded me of relevant information!

Kirk Perry of the Cultural Department also gave a very interesting talk about different facts of our history. Representing his department he gave gifts of framed artwork to the elders. They were really pleased and the art was really wonderful. He gave credit to the Multi-Media Department for its preparation.

It was a great day! I hope that yours was, too, and that you have many more to come. Take care in this summer heat and enjoy the gifts each day brings. God Bless You!

Linda Briggs

Strengthening our Chickasaw relationships important to us all

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings. You have found me in the midst of the most unusual summer that I have ever experienced. My husband was in an almost tragic automobile accident in June. As I have helped him to navigate the health care system on his slow and painful road to a full recovery (to be realized in 3 months), I have pondered the importance of relationships. The relationships we have with others is key to our survival.

Being a health care provider myself, it has amazed me at the difficulty it has at times been to communicate or get medical concerns addressed. I encourage you all to find an advocate if you too are faced with medical needs, as many of you are with diabetes. Diabetes. I always mention it because of the devastation it brings to many of my Chickasaw family.

My encouragement to you today is to think about the relationships in your life, and spend time strengthening those people who reach out to you when you are in need. Please, consider me to be one of those you can contact. I love hearing from you. For example, there is a young woman named Joanna that I met this past year. Joanna has recently made contact with her Chickasaw heritage, and she is so excited about that discovery. Joanna brings a freshness that comes when one makes contact with the past and realizes that it is a part of them. I look forward to hearing from Joanna just like I look forward to communication with you. Please take advantage of e-mailing me at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu. If I do not answer back quickly, please send another e-mail. Be sure to put something about Chickasaw in the subject title so that I will recognize yours as being an important message.

I had promised an article on the Arts and Heritage division, and that will be forthcoming next month. Have a great summer and school year.

Chickasaw Legislator
Judy Goforth Parker

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday

D. Scott Colbert

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

SAVE THE WILD HORSES

Yes, I encourage the Senate to reconsider current legislation and make all efforts to preserve and protect our American wild horse herds.

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Chickasaw Language Classes

Register Now!
Classes will begin in late August, 2005.
Ada, Purcell and Tishomingo
Look for future announcements
For more information or to register contact Terri Haney, (580) 332-8478.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Cultural Center buildings under construction

Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? I hope this finds you well.

The Human Resources Committee met on July 5 and approved resolution GR22-057, Gubernatorial Appointment of Billie Easterling to the Chickasaw Election Commission; GR22-058, Resolution in Support of Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative Program; and GR22-059, Resolution in Support of Family Violence Prevention and Services. The resolutions were placed on the session agenda and were subsequently passed by the Legislature on July 15.

I attended a meeting of the Elders Council this month and was treated to a presentation of the Chickasaw legislative process. The presentation was given by Scott Colbert and Chairperson Linda Briggs. Legislator Wanda Blackwood Scott and I contributed information regarding the Human Resources Committee, which I chair, and the Education Committee which Wanda chairs.

I also attended a meeting of the Cultural Center Advisory Board. I am so impressed with the plans for the Cultural Center. It will be more than I ever imagined. I believe that we Chickasaw will find it to be a source of great pride. Even though it will not open for another 2 years, the buildings are already under construction and the building interiors and statuary are already being planned.

Those of you who voted in this year's elections - thank you. Thanks especially to those of you who voted for me and thanks to those who voted for someone else because you exercised your right to have a say in who your tribal leaders are. We should all be thankful that we have such a right and should exercise that right whenever we can.

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless
Dean McManus
Pontotoc District Seat 4

Chickasaw students earning honors

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Even though school is out for the summer, it is academic award season in the Chickasaw Nation. We are so proud and thankful for all our Chickasaw students and wish them much success in the future!

Kudos to many Chickasaw scholars! Latisha Stick has earned a Gates Millennium Scholarship. Latisha is the daughter of Martin and Loeta Stick. Loeta is a personal friend and an employee of the Ada senior site. Dusty Newport and Randi Howard are the JOM High School Students of the Year. Randi competed in an academic competition in Washington, D.C., this year. JOM Junior High School Students of the Year are Michael Roberts and Madison McKenzie. Kudos are also due to the JOM Elementary Students of the Year from Ada; Allison Keel, Brayden Wesley, Holly Holman, Kayla Wilson, Jade Waldrop, Micah Hart, Austin Sollosso, Julia Smola, Jayston Shaw, Camron Large, Tyler Rowe, Nikki Weems, Cecil Stevens and Taylor Bohanon.

I attended the meeting of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Tulsa where Chickasaw students Michaela Worcester and Chase Burris received JOM Scholarships. Michaela is the daughter of Kevin and Lynn Worcester, longtime employees of the Chickasaw Nation, and she has received several other scholarships as well.

Also at the Intertribal Council meeting, Jeanette Hanna, Area Director of the BIA in Muskogee, bragged about the Chickasaw Nation Health System being the first Indian health system to employ electronic health records for its patients. The system is important to us because it will eventually allow the hospital and all clinics to share health information on patients. Many thanks to the Health System employees for their dedication and hard work to implement the state-of-the-art system!

Former Legislator and now State Representative Lisa Johnson Billy attended the Intertribal Council along with her Indian colleagues. They are forming a caucus of Native American Oklahoma Representatives so that the Indian voice will be heard in the state government. Thank you, Ms. Billy, for your hard work!

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Health Care Committee that was chock full of informative statistics about the health care we provide to Native Americans. There is too much information for me to include in this article. However, I do want to tell you that the Ada Service Unit user population is 30, 136, inpatient user population is 78,241 and the number of active patients is 110,665. I will report additional statistics next month.

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Tribal education programs available to all Chickasaws

Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We invest so much time, energy and resources in our education programs because they are fundamental to the success of each individual Chickasaw citizen.

Whether you are young or not so young, now is a great time to take advantage of our education offerings. With the fall school year soon to start, we are all thinking about moving ahead. For citizens who have not, as yet, attained a high school degree, our GED program is a great way to go. Earning your GED provides so many more good options for working people.

A great benefit of the GED program is the flexible hours. Currently, you may attend GED classes Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation GED lab; Monday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at East Central University; and Monday and Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Pontotoc Technology Center. All these locations are in Ada.

For more information, please contact the tribal adult education office at (580) 421-7711.

Karen A. Sussman, president of the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros, will be speaking at our upcoming Phoenix meeting of the National Federation of Women Legislators. Ms. Sussman lives in South Dakota and manages several wild herds. She has been a big help to the Sioux and their horses.

We have over 9,000 wild horses here in Oklahoma. In our state, as well as others, these important creatures are in danger. We all must chip in if we are to make a difference. If you have an interest in preserving the American wild horse herds, please complete the "Save The Wild Horses" box located on page 4 and send it to me. Your help is much appreciated.

I wanted to offer a big "thank you" to our Chickasaw elder council. The council meets every month in Sulphur. These elders are so full of knowledge and so helpful to our tribal legislature. Their wisdom, particularly regarding cultural issues, is invaluable. Our elders are our walking history, and their insight helps guide us as we make decisions regarding our tribe. Thank you, elder council.

You can contact me at my office, (580) 436-4594; my home (580) 788-4730; or by email at scottdes@telepath.com

July 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-047

Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690 in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690, for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, described as: N/2 SE/4 of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma, containing 80 acres, more or less, in favor of Kenneth R. Muncrief, Route 1, Box 271, Madill, Oklahoma 73446. The proposed lease will be for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2005, and ending on December 31, 2005, with a per annum payment of $350.00.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

No votes: Steve Woods

Not present for vote: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

General Resolution Number 22-057

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Ms. Billie Easterling

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Billie Easterling to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, becoming effecting on the date the governor signs this resolution and ending on December 31, 2005.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Abstain: Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 22-058

Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans

Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the establishment of the Healthy Marriages and Families project, an initiative to increase the well-being of our youth through cultivating healthy marriages within the Native American community. The application requests federal funding in the amount of $400,000 over the three-year project. The tribe's required 20% match will be provided through in-kind and tribal funds.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by:Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-059

Approval of Application for Funding

Family Violence Prevention and Services

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant, we are able to assist clients with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include, one month's rent and deposit and utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment, and groceries. We also provide crisis counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders, and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle". We also make many referrals to tribal and non tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal needs, etc. This grant serves Native and Non-Native victims.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by:Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-060

Right-of-Way Easement in Pushmataha County

Explanation: This resolution approves a right-of way easement to The GHK Companies, LLC, for the purpose of a gas well location and road across a portion of property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as: SW/4 S/2 SW/4 NW/4 of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 19 East, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, containing 3.67 acres, more or less, and the proposed right-of-way will be for a twenty (20) year term, at a total compensation rate of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution 22-061

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Stephens County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the transfer of a tract of land from the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation designated as surplus described as a part of Sections 17 and 20, Township 2 North, Range 7 West, Indian Meridian, Stephens County, Oklahoma, containing 0.51 acre, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-064

Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as: a tract of land located in the SW/4 of Section 2, Township 9 North, Range 4 West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 0.10 acre,

*See **Resolutions,** page 26*

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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4. Dean McManus
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3. Linda Briggs
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   Marietta, OK 73448
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Tishomingo District

Seat #

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   P.O. Box 773
   Sulphur, OK 73086
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3. Steven Woods
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Panola District

Seat #

1. Beth Alexander
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   Achille, OK 74720
   (580) 283-3409

'A Child is Missing' links Lighthorse Police, quick alerts

When a child, elderly or disabled person goes missing, every minute matters.

Now, thousands of phone calls can be made within minutes of the first report to enlist the help of area residents in finding a missing person.

This innovative and potentially lifesaving service is available in south central Oklahoma thanks to a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department and A Child Is Missing (ACIM).

"One of the most impressive features of this program is how fast it can provide results," said LPD Chief Jason O'Neal. "Even if a person has been missing a very short time we won't hesitate to initiate the process because it is such an efficient use of resources.

"Rather than sending officers out to knock on doors, this system contacts people in the area immediately by phone. That type of immediacy can literally mean the difference between life and death."

Once an LPD officer has verified that an individual is missing, the officer makes a report to ACIM, including a description of the person and other relevant information.

An individually recorded message is made by the technician describing the missing person and asking residents and employees of local businesses to search their property for the individual and call the police if they have any pertinent information to report.

After that, it takes only 60 seconds to deliver the message to up to 1,000 residents and businesses in the area.

"This program has incredible potential to help find missing children and others," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We want to make sure everyone in the area knows that help is just a phone call away."

Because the LPD works in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, the system is available to anyone in the Chickasaw Nation's 13- county area.

"We are prepared to work with any agency in the area to activate this system," said Chief O'Neal, who also indicated he would be eager to offer information about the free service to other agencies.

More than100 missing persons nationwide have been located using the ACIM program.

One success story involves an 83-year-old man with dementia who wandered off while shopping with his daughter in Coweta, Okla.

Shortly after the report of the missing man reached ACIM, 1,366 calls went out. A bank receptionist on lunch break phoned to report she had seen a man fitting the description sitting and reading a book in the bank lobby.

Within 15 minutes of the calls going out, the man and his daughter were reunited.

Beyond enlisting the support of the public, the system also provides high technology assistance to officers to aid in the search.

Computer mapping and satellite imagery programs help identify "hot spots" that may attract the missing individual.

"This technology may point to prime search areas officers may not have been familiar with otherwise," said Chief O'Neal. "By identifying bodies of water, warehouses, wooded areas or other likely hiding places or places of shelter, the program can help officers concentrate on the most likely search areas first. That can save valuable time."

For information, call the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police at (580) 436-1166.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

July 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Education Committee

July 5, 2005

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green

Absent: Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

July 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Finance Committee

July 5, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

July 11, 2005

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Health Committee

July 6, 2005

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee

July 5, 2005

Present: Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Dean McManus, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee

July 5, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee

July 5, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

July 11, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

July 15, 2005

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Tribal Utility Authority expanding operations

Created almost 19 years ago by an act of the Chickasaw legislature, the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority (CTUA) has expanded its operations to offer services to more than 15 cities in the Chickasaw Nation.

Located at 2020 Lonnie Abbott Boulevard in Ada, CTUA provides electrical, water, sewer, and natural gas service for tribal government facilities as well as non-tribal customers.

Tribal customers include government offices, senior sites, many tribal businesses, Carl Albert Indian Hospital and a number of other customers. Non-tribal customers include Southwestern Bell, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Flex-n-Gate Manufacturing, KFC in Kingston, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and more.

Because CTUA purchases electricity and natural gas by contract at a lower price than standard customer rates, it can resell the power at a discounted rate. This results in a cost saving for the customer as well as a profit for CTUA.

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Seniors, councils, community dinner help make contacts

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

July 6, 2005, we visited our Duncan Senior citizens and had a great time meeting all of the wonderful citizens out on our western boundaries. We gave a brief update of services available at the District Court and our plans for additional services in the future. Of course, it was our privilege to provide everyone with the judicial seal made at Bedre Chocolate in Pauls Valley. We passed out pens, Peacemaking brochures and judicial department brochures to everyone with contact information for the courts. Lloyd Bradley was the lucky winner of the afghan in the drawing. Congratulations again, Mr. Bradley!

July 16, 2005, my son, Noah, and I stopped to visit briefly with our Oklahoma City Metro Community Council. Their annual picnic was held that day and it was great to see so many familiar faces. I am very proud of the citizens of the OKC Metro Community Council and their council. They have an amazing group of interesting and talented individuals.

July 19, 2005, we had an opportunity to participate in the Community Dinner with Governor Anoatubby at the Agri-Plex in Ada. Staff members of the Supreme Court, the District Court and I had a great time visiting with everyone and handing out information on all three courts, Supreme Court, District Court and Peacemaking Court. Governor Anoatubby drew the winner of the afghan, Britney Lee.

July 21, 2005, we spent a delightful evening with the Ada Community Council. We are always given a warm and supportive welcome from all of the members. We gave a powerpoint presenation to update them on our services available at the District Court and our plans for additional services in the future. Of course, it was our privilege to provide everyone with the judicial seal made at Bedre Chocolate in Pauls Valley. We passed out pens, Peacemaking brochures and judicial department brochures to everyone with contact information for the courts. We appreciate their hospitality and are proud to attend their meetings whenever our schedules allow. The proud winner of the Chickasaw afghan was Ben Nail.

July 26, 2005, is the Scholarship Award Ceremony at Pontotoc Technology Center. We are so proud to have been able to establish a law / legal studies scholarship this year. The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Law Scholarship will be presented for the first time. Students, young and old, who would like to pursue an education in legal studies or law can apply for next year's scholarship by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Foundation.'

Afghan winner Lloyd Bradley with Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred. Mr. Bradley is a member of Duncan Community Council.

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and afghan winner Ben Nail, member of the Ada Community Council.

From left, Judge Aaron Duck, Justice Barbara A. Smith, afghan winner Britney Lee and Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille Eldred.

District Court news

The staff at the District Court continues to be available to you during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin, and Deputy Court Clerk, Tamara Dresser will schedule you an appointment with a court advocate if necessary. Currently, District Judge Duck holds court on Tuesday; however, due to an ever increasing caseload we will be taking application for a Special Judge. We expect the Special Judge will allow the court to assist the District Judge with an additional docket day to more effectively address our caseload.

In June, 2005, 24 new cases were filed in the District Court and the Court Advocates assisted 80 individuals with their legal concerns.

The Peacemaking Court has seven peacemakers available to assist in dispute resolutions. If you would like additional information on the traditional methods embraced by the Peacemaking Court, contact Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk at (580) 235-0281 and he will be happy to answer your questions.

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Chickasaw summer interns gaining tribal experience

While other students across the state are spending their summer at the lake or on the couch, 14 of the best and brightest Chickasaw young adults are using their time to learn more about the great Chickasaw Nation through its summer internship program.

The internships are designed to help train the students to address challenges that arise while working to advance the Chickasaw Nation and allow them to work first-hand with tribal and governmental leadership. The tribe selects and funds participants in the hope they will gain the experience and knowledge needed to become effective leaders in their desired fields.

Each student was assigned to a department according to his degree or career choice. Five of the students spent time in Washington, D.C., while others were in a variety of departments across the tribe in Ada and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ashley Hart, a first-year intern and senior at East Central University in Ada, is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. Her internship with the Lighthorse Police Department has provided her "a lot of experience," she said. She has been able to do research with the Probation Office as well as work in dispatch and take part in "ride alongs" with the officers.

"I have learned about tribal guidelines and the differences between the LPD and the city police," Ms. Hart said. "After I graduate, my goal is to attend the (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center) in Artesia, New Mexico and then join the Lighthorse Police Department."

Jennifer Barnes, who is in her final year of law school at the University of Houston, is interning for a second summer.

"It is such a valuable experience," Ms. Barnes said. "You meet so many people it is a great networking opportunity. I have mentors all over and anytime I need someone to answer a question, I can call any one of them."

Barnes split her time this summer between the Legislative & Congressional Affairs Office in Washington D.C. and the Legal Department at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada. Her work this summer has fo-

*See **Summer interns,** page 16*

Ashley Hart gained experience during her summer intership with the Lighthorse Police Department.

Increase in total net assets tops $85 million

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit..

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending

June 30, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses

for operations

totaled $14.3 million for the month and $62.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $2.1 million and $19 million year-to-date. Year-to-date, a total of $31 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total $331.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $100.2 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2005, the tribal government funds had $43.8 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $8.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had $62.6 million in cash and investments of which $30 million is reserved for accounts payable and $26 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of June 30, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling $381 million with $42 million in payables resulting in net assets of $339.2 million compared to $253.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of $85.6 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,339,550	331,885,048	336,224,598
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		57,978,496	(57,978,496)	-
Total funds available		62,318,046	273,906,552	336,224,598
Expedendures				
General government		3,703,057		3,703,057
Legislature		1,030,799		1,030,799
Judiciary		434,151		434,151
Education		2,339,592		2,339,592
Heritage Preservation		1,430,380		1,430,380
Health		3,555,823		3,555,823
Youth and Family Services		1,738,563		1,738,563
Nutrition Programs		1,466,726		1,466,726
Regulatory		391,317		391,317
Assistance Programs		918,692		918,692
Transfer to Loan Program		2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense			152,643,682	152,643,682
Other businesses' expense			78,984,899	78,984,899
Total expenditures		19,009,100	231,628,581	250,637,681
Increase in net assets		43,308,946	42,277,971	85,586,917
Beginning net assets		102,966,239	150,617,130	253,583,369
Ending net assets	$	146,275,185	192,895,101	339,170,286

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	43,852,842	62,626,674	106,479,516
Receivables		1,025,360	6,987,499	8,012,859
Inventory			4,467,801	4,467,801
Prepaid expenses			8,054,200	8,054,200
Other Assets			21,763,316	21,763,316
Fixed assets		102,229,411	130,045,638	232,275,049
Less payables		(832,428)	(41,050,027)	(41,882,455)
Net Assets	$	146,275,185	192,895,101	339,170,286

Mikayla and Heath (Bub) Hook of Pontotoc, Okla., recently celebrated their birthdays with a party at their Pa Pa and Ma Ma's house. Heath turned 4 July 17, 2005 and Mikayla turned 9 July 22, 2005.

Several friends and family members were in attendance.

This fall, Mikayla will be in the third grade at Washington Elementary, Ada, Okla., and Heath will begin Pre-K at Glenwood Earlychildhood Center in Ada.

Mikayla has been a very busy girl this past school year. She has twice been selected student of the week at her school. She is a member of the Yellow Jackets soccer team from Tishomingo, Okla., who went undefeated in their spring league and look for another perfect season this fall. She was a member of the Knicks basketball team this past winter.

Mikayla and Heath keep their parents and grandparents very busy, but we love to watch you in everything you do. We're all very proud of you.

Mikayla and Heath are the children of Michael and Deborah Hook. They are the grandchildren of Lonnie and Ruth Shelley of Tishomingo and Betty Martin of Pontotoc.

Mikayla and Heath Hook

Lindsey Keel celebrated her second birthday on July 7 with a *Dora the Explore*r theme.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Falisha Keel.

She is the granddaughter of Jefferson and Carol Keel and Larry and Mary Colbert.

Births

Riley Cole Youngblood

Brooke Williams and Rusty Youngblood, Ada, Okla., announce the birth of a son, Riley Cole Youngblood.

Riley was born 6:37 p.m., Feb. 21, 2005 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada. He weighed 4 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 17 inches.

He is the grandson of Tillie Benson, Dennis G. Williams, and Lilli and Henry Youngblood, all of Ada.

Gov. James nails another 'ace'

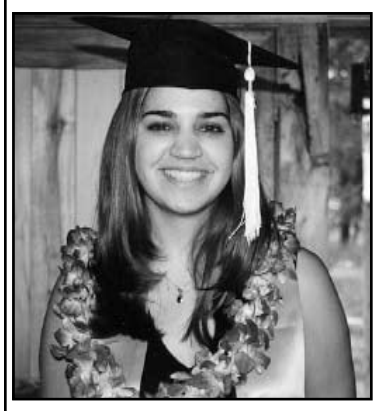
Overton James

Former Chickasaw Nation Gov. Overton James has another hole-in-one to add to his bragging rights.

The 80-year old golfer carded his sixth ace, June 29, 2005 at Ada's Oak Hills Golf and Country Club. On the 136 yd. #5 hole, "Gov" used an 8 iron.

Witnessing the event were playing partners Bob Abbott and Ken Rhoads.

Williams graduates Denver University



Shawnda Williams

Shawnda Nicole Williams a Chickasaw from Bailey, Colorado, graduated with a 3.99 grade point average from Denver University June 4, 2005.

Miss Williams, earned degrees in Spanish and sociology with a minor in education. She also received her teaching certificate and has secured a position in Seattle, Washington, as an elementary bi-lingual teacher.

Miss Williams received a four year Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship from the University for her academic excellence, and her minority status as a Native American in the Chickasaw Tribe. In addition, she received scholarships and clothing grants through the Chickasaw Nation.

Miss Williams and her parents, Michael and Tamera Williams, would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education Services for their support and help over the past four years. It is a great program, within the tribe, to improve our children's education and gives them greater opportunities for the future.

Khatain, Travis exchange vows

Alanna Khatain and Colin Travis

Ed and Rebecca Travis, of Friendswood, Texas, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Colin Robinson Travis, an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation, to Alanna Eileen Khatain. The bride is the daughter of Marla Boswell, Frisco, Texas, and Ken Khatain, M.D., Boise, Idaho.

Miss Khatain is the granddaughter of LaVerne and Edward Khatain and Ardell and Dan Morgan. Mr. Travis is the grandson of Bill and Mary Trent and Wayne Travis and Gary and Lahoma Massey Robinson and Bill Hatcher. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees Benjamin W. Massey and Bettie Mae Young Massey.

From his grandfather Ben's family, Mr. Travis is a direct descendent of Homahota and Thomas Love along with Benjamin Boyd, Indian Territory Chickasaw Judge. From his grandmother Bettie's family, he is a direct descendent of Chickasaw Governor Daugherty Winchester Colbert and Annica Kemp.

The couple exchanged vows July 3, 2005, in Allen, Texas. The bride's sister, Larissa Khatain, served as Maid of Honor and the groom's brother, Edward Travis, Jr., served as Best Man. Mr. and Mrs. Travis are now at home in Houston, Texas.

Maupin graduates from UCO

Steven Maupin

Steven Neal Maupin, a Chickasaw, graduated the University of Central Oklahoma May 7, 2005. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in graphic design.

Mr. Maupin is currently working for *the Oklahoman*, as a news research clerk.

'Spirit Players'

Dennis Williams

Dennis Williams earned Honorable Mention with his acrylic painting, "Spirit Players" at the annual Five Civilized Tribes' Museum at Muskogee. The show was held June 5, 2005.

Boston named top weightlifter

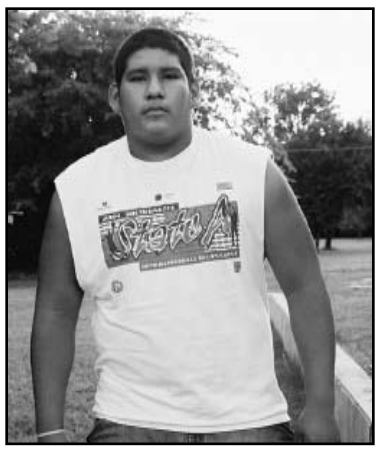
Robby D. Boston was named "Lifter of the Week" at the Glenpool (OK) High School Strength and Speed Camp, July 8, 2005.

Robby is a 6', 260 lb., linebacker and pulling guard and will be a sophomore at Glenpool High School.

His freshman year he had four touchdowns as fullback and led the team in tackles as a linebacker. The team ended the season with a 7-1 record and earned conference champions.

Robby is the son of Lou Boston, Glenpool, and the late Don Boston.

He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood and the late Virgil Greenwood. He has a brother, Chiefy Greenwood, a sister and brother-in-law, Mariah and David Adair. Robby is the proud uncle of Nukne-Isknosi Greenwood, and DJ, Littlefox and Lexie Adair.



Robby Boston

Little Chickasaw ballplayer finishes great season

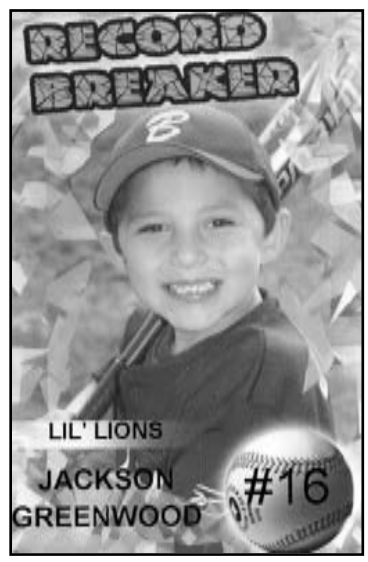
Jackson Thomas Greenwood, Chickasaw, played baseball with the Blanchard Lil' Lions. His team won the Canadian Valley Conference Tournament in the five- and six-year-old second-year division.

Jackson wore uniform number 16 and played shortstop, center field, and catcher to help the Lil' Lions to a 23-1 winning season. He played most of the season in center field and was the youngest member on Coach Tom Matson's team.

He celebrated his sixth birthday at home in Blanchard, Okla., July 7, 2005 with his aunts and uncles. He will be attending first grade at Blanchard Elementary School this fall.

Jackson is the son of Lynn Gray and Dewayne Greenwood and the brother of Olivia Greenwood and Kyle Gray, all of Blanchard.

He is the grandson of Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., the late Virgil Greenwood, Patricia Mills, Socorro, N.M., and Waylon Simpson, Denver, Colo.



Jackson Greenwood

Alora Esraela Orr

Alora Esraela Orr is the daughter of Quanah and April Orr. She is the granddaughter of Howell and Deborah Orr and the great-granddaughter of the late Annie Burns Orr.

Alora is beautiful, smart and fun! She loves to read, play with other children, swim and looks forward to going to school. She is three years old and the love of our lives. She loves going to the library.

Zellner named outstanding stu-

Chris Zellner

Chickasaw student Chris Zellner recently received the Outstanding Student award from Mid-America Technology Center for Drafting and Design. Chris also received his certificate for completing the technical program. Chris is currently working for Chickasaw Industries as a drafter.

His mother, Julia Walker, and family are very proud of his accomplishments.

Chickasaw does missionary work in South Caroli-

Beth Greenwood

Beth Greenwood, a Chickasaw student from Vinemont, Ala., has been spending her summer completing missionary work in South Carolina.

Ms. Greenwood has been conducting a sports camp in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club in Beauford, S.C.

She is a member of Taylor Road Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and was one of 61 students selected statewide to be a summer missionary.

Ms. Greenwood also recently cut off her nearly waist-length hair and donated it to "Locks of Love," an organization that makes wigs for children who are cancer victims.

Ms. Greenwood is the daughter of Tony and Lucille Greenwood, of Vinemont, and the granddaughter of Sim and June Greenwood, Ada, Okla., and June Pruitt, Wewoka, Okla.

Chickasaw stickball players at the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Reunion

Front row from left, Lanny North, Darrell Gipson, Eric Wood, Randy Shackleford, Casey Tsosie, Matt Morgan, Jack LaFountain, Donald Jackson and Wayne Walker. Back row from left, Kevin Postoak, Josh Henson, Ben Jackson, TR Kanuch, Marcus Tartsah, Robby Boston, Ronnie Hicks, Wesley Jackson, Ron McIntosh, Jason Burwell and Tim Harjo. *Photo contributed by Georgie Frazier, tribal media relations.*

Worcester, Burris awarded JOM scholarships

Michaela Worcester, daughter of Kevin and Lynn Worcester of Ada, Okla., was awarded the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes-Johnson O'Malley Scholarship at the July 8 meeting of the council.

Miss Worcester graduated from Latta High School with a grade point average of 4.09.

She has been involved in numerous activities with her school, community and tribe.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society, DECA, Family, Career & Community Leaders of America, Student Council, Rotary Interact, FCA and the Tribal Youth Council. She has also held various leadership positions in these organizations.

Ms. Worcester's plans are to attend Oklahoma Baptist University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in Nursing with Applied Ministry.

Chase Burris, son of Terry and Staci Wilcher of Marlow, Okla., was awarded the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes-Johnson O'Malley Scholarship at the July 8 meeting of the council.

Mr. Burris graduated from Bray-Doyle High School with a grade point average of 3.98. Involved in numerous activities with his school and community, he was a member of the National Honor Society and Oklahoma Honor Society for two years, *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, FFA, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mr. Burris' plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma in the fall and major in Biology. Afterwards, he hopes to be accepted as a dental student at the University of Oklahoma and specialize in orthodontics.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw students Michaela Worcester and Chase Burris flank Gov. Bill Anoatubby following the award of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Johnson O'Malley Scholarships. The scholarships were awarded during the July 8 meeting of the council.

Students attend JOM Youth Leadership Conference

Front row from left, Tamra Shackleford, Callie Roebuck, Ashkia Hummel, Penny Watson, Beth Campbell. Back row from left, Katie Johnson, Robert Pickens, Derrek Bond, Jean Lam, J.J. Jacob, Denise Reed, Jess Lam, Waylon Cotanny.

The Chickasaw Nation Johnson O'Malley Program in association with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Choctaw Nation JOM Programs sponsored the annual JOM Youth Leadership Conference, June 26-29, 2005 at Western Hills Guest Ranch in Sequoyah State Park near Wagoner, Okla.

Approximately 40 students from JOM schools within the three tribal areas attended the conference. During the three-day event students attended educational and cultural workshops, as well as social activities designed to develop leadership skills and make acquaintances with other tribal youth.

Highlights of the conference included a welcome address given by Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle, Chickasaw Nation Light Horse Police K-9 demonstration, Knights of the Guild demonstrations with Barry Owens, tour of the Cherokee Village and Trail of Tears Museum, Cultural Story Telling by Aunt Katie. Arts and Crafts workshops were presented by Chickasaw Nation employees Trina Jones of Arts and Humanities division and Darrell Walker from Office of Employment Opportunities. The final day the students were treated to a banquet and dance.

Department of Education members included Callie Roebuck and Beth Campbell, one volunteer Katie Johnson were designated as youth group leaders. Waylon Cotanny, Penny Watson, and Robert Pickens served as tribal representatives.

Barry Needham from Camps and Recreation under Youth and Family Services served as lifeguard and night monitor.

Students attending were:

Tamra Shackleford – Purcell High School

Ashkia Hummel – Wapanucka High School

Derrek Bond – Ada High School

Jean Lam – Pauls Valley High School

J.J. Jacob – Ada High School

Denise Reed – Fox High School

Jess Lam – Pauls Valley High School

Leta Burwell named Human Resources director

Leta Burwell

Leta Burwell was recently named Director of the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Department. Mrs. Burwell will oversee all aspects of human resources including recruiting, interviewing, and screening for employment, and procedures and orientation of all new employees.

Before joining Human Resources, Mrs. Burwell served in several departments throughout her career with the Chickasaw Nation. She first worked for the tribe as a summer youth worker and has spent the last 15 years working for the tribe. Mrs. Burwell would like to say thank you to Carol Snyder (currently with the Duncan Area Office), who was her summer youth counselor, for her "support and encouragement."

"It is an honor and a privilege to work for The Chickasaw Nation," Mrs. Burwell said.

Mrs. Burwell has a 12-year-old daughter, Savannah, and is a member of the Worship Center Church of God in Ada.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Work of Chickasaw bladesmith featured in Indian exhibit

When Daniel Worcester, a Chickasaw, started making knives more than 20 years ago, he had no idea that one of his knives might wind up in a museum in New York City. But that is exactly what is happening.

Worcester recently sent one of his hand-made knives to the *Museum of Arts and Design*, where it will be part of a traveling exhibit of Native American art beginning Sept. 22.

After four months in New York, the *Changing Hands 2* exhibit will be on display for several months each in museums in Indiana, Florida, Alaska, and Minnesota, as well as the *Philbrook Museum of Art* in Tulsa.

Ellen Taubman and David McFadden, co-curators of the *Changing Hands 2,* were looking for unique art by Native Americans that didn't necessarily fall into the traditional category when they met Mr. Worcester on separate occasions.

"It was kind of funny, because Ellen saw my work at Red Earth and she liked it," said Worcester. "She took my name down and was going to contact me for this show.

"When I went out to Santa Fe, her partner, David, was out there looking for artists too. He saw my stuff and I had some different items there and he liked them and he wanted them. Then he told me who he was with and I said 'I know Ellen.' And he said she was his partner."

After being chosen for inclusion in the exhibit, he produced a one-of-a-kind piece.

Starting with a discarded file, a set of billiard balls, and silver coins, Worcester took approximately three months of off and on work to craft a knife that is truly a work of art.

"I just went all out on that knife," said Worcester, his eyes lighting up as he spoke. "It really is my favorite. I put a lot of different silver inlay in it – different designs. Next year I'll probably have a different favorite. But right now that's it."

Although the circumstances under which Ms. Taubman and Mr. McFadden discovered Mr. Worcester's work may be unusual, it is no surprise that both liked his art.

Since 1993, Mr. Worcester has won dozens of awards in prestigious Native American art shows including Red Earth in Oklahoma City and the Santa Fe Indian Market.

On his 2004 trip to Santa Fe, producers of a Public Broadcasting series chose Mr. Worcester and his work to be featured in the series titled *Indian Market*, currently in production for broadcast within the next two years.

After some prodding by his wife, Debbie, Worcester revealed that the film crew had chosen him for inclusion in the series from some 1,400 artists at the show.

After learning to make spurs from his father at a young age, Worcester went to school to learn to make knife blades.

"I had those magazines and I saw all the knives that were professionally made and custom hand-made knives, and (the price) was up there, and I said 'I don't know if I'll be able to afford one of them.' Then when the opportunity came to learn to make the blades, I said 'I'm going to try to do that,' and that turned out good, so it took off from there."

Starting with blades made from old files, car springs or other discarded metal, Worcester crafts handles from dried corn on-the-cob, dominoes, poker chips, wood and other materials he is inspired to use.

"You can get all kinds of stuff to work with, but what it boils down to is just your basic tools, and the designs you can come up with," said Worcester. "That's the challenge, seems like. It's not just making something, it's designing something and then making it come to be.

"I try to make every one different and that's t really the challenge. When I don't have a new design, I might not do anything for a month or so. I like to do something I'm pleased with and happy with and that's maybe not just like the one before. It's because I enjoy it. It's fun to get out there and do it," he added with a chuckle.

While most of his knives are placed in display cases, each one is made to be used. He said he is inspired by the way Native Americans hundreds of years ago made created useful items which were also quite beautiful.

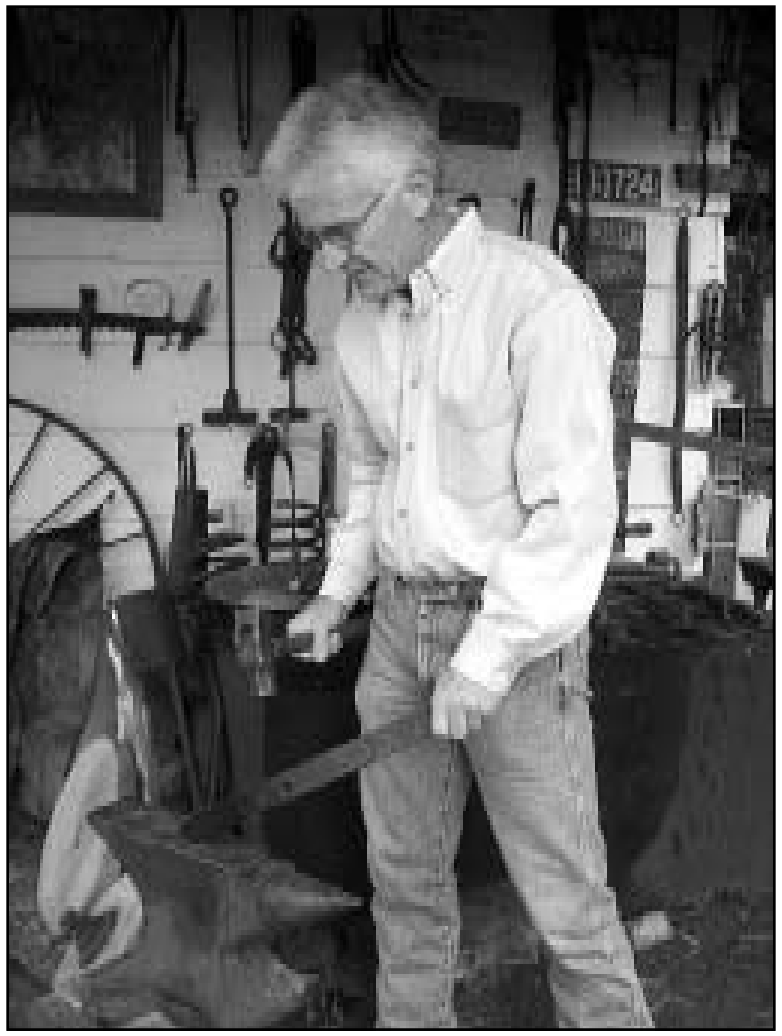
"They put a lot of pride in it. They wanted it to please themselves, because the family would probably be using it. The artwork in it was great, and yet it was used.

"That's kind of the way I feel about these knives. I want to put artwork in them, but I want it to be usable. That's what I call a functional art. It's to be used, but it's artwork.

"I am constantly impressed by people using the very basic materials and tools to create functional and artistic work. When I can blend these two elements, be it a traditional or contemporary piece, then I feel a sense of accomplishment."

Daniel Worcester is the grandson of Arlington Worcester and Nora Colbert, both Chickasaw original enrollees.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw artist Daniel Worcester in his work shed in Lone Grove, Okla.

A Daniel Worcester knife similar to the one pictured above will be included in the Changing Hands 2 exhibit of Native American art beginning Sept. 22 at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

Daniel Worcester major awards list

- 1993 Gallup ceremonial – Honorable Mention and Second Place
- 1993 Dallas, Texas American Indian Art Festival – Second Place
- 1994 Gallup Ceremonial – Second and Third Place
- 1994 Dallas, Texas American Indian Art Festival – Second Place
- 1995 Gallup Ceremonial – First Place
- 1995 Dallas, Texas American Indian Art Festival – First Place
- 1996 Red Earth Oklahoma City – Second Place
- 1996 Santa Fe Indian Market – Third Place Traditional - Third Place Contemporary
- 1996 Dallas, Texas American Indian Art Festival – Best of Class - First Place Traditional

  First Place Contemporary
- 1997 Santa Fe Indian Market – First Contemporary
- 1998 Santa Fe Indian Market – Honorable Mention
- 1999 Santa Fe Indian Market – First Place Miniatures - Second Place Contemporary
- 2000 Red Earth Oklahoma City – Second Place Contemporary
- 2000 Santa Fe Indian Market – Third Place Contemporary
- 2000 Chickasaw Fine Art Show – First Place, Second Place
- 2001 Santa Fe Indian Market – First Place Contemporary
- 2002 Red Earth Oklahoma City – Second Place Cultural item
- 2002 Santa Fe Indian Market – First Place Contemporary - First Place Miniatures
- 2003 Santa Fe Indian Market – Third Place Miniatures
- 2004 Santa Fe Indian Market – Second Place Contemporary - Second Place Miniatures
- 2005 Red Earth Oklahoma City – Merit Award Cultural

Council learns of archaeological dig of homeland platform mound

Submitted by Robert Perry for the Council of Elders

Council of Elders (COE) met June 13 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur. A 2005 documentary film "In Vivid Color" was shown by Mr. Brian Brashier of Chickasaw Multimedia. The film is about the current archaeological dig of a platform mound at Shiloh Battlefield Park. The 1862 Battle of Shiloh was fought nearby; the good thing was the mound became government land and was protected from looters. The mound was built high above the Tennessee River over a thousand years ago. But the bad thing: in 1938, a dam was built downstream and barges making waves have eroded the earth; the mound can either fall into the water or be excavated by professionals. Chickasaw Nation supported the last option, which began in 2002. [Some of COE toured the mound in 2003.] What's unique about the mound is the discovery of layers of clay: red, yellow, brown, and grey. Designed with a purpose, basketfuls of clay were hauled in over years and dumped in a pattern yet to be figured out. Mound A is 22 feet tall and 47 feet across and always bare of grass. Anyone coming by the river could see the vivid colors of the big mound [thus, the movie title]. By the fact that thousands of platform mounds were built across the Southeast shows religion was (and is) important. There seemed to be Three Worlds: the Upper World filled with Sun, Moon and Thunder that gave life; the Middle World where man and animals lived; and the Lower World for turtles. Eagle went to all three worlds. Archeologists have found that social change speeded up about 800 AD: corn was planted, towns settled down and a complex clan system began for artisans, farmers and hunters. The main point: this dig is making the Indian a human, instead of just a "they."

Mr. Kirk Perry is sharing Chickasaw history that passes daily through the Division of Heritage Preservation. This month, he sent excerpts and maps from *Choctaw Genesis 1500-1700* by Patricia Galloway, a source about Chickasaws. Back in the days of Shiloh Mound A, the leaders controlled the exchange of trade items, mostly exotic crafts; for example, passing out chert hoes. It seems given that historic tribes originated from the Woodland and Mississippian cultures. When the old Mound cultures died out, the people moved to other areas. Moundville (NW Alabama) People either stayed put or moved southwest as tribal segments culturally linked, but politically separated. [Moving from the platform mounds, we infer reduced the power of religious leaders.] When Europeans showed up, they wanted raw materials: slaves and hides; not the exotic craft items. Anyone with a bow and arrow could get a hide or a slave to trade. This forced the chiefs to make alliances with outlying tribes; usually in the form of strategic marriages or advocates. This was something the Chickasaws and Choctaws were already doing with Squirrel King, who resided in another tribe but argued for peace whenever warriors got riled up. The Europeans would withdraw trade goods unless the tribe would be a part of the alliance and keep the peace; or force a tribe to attack other tribes and take slaves. Galloway is the first female scholar COE has read. It's interesting that she makes inferences and draws on soft information to reach conclusions which the typical male scholar (that COE has read) would not use. This book is in the Chickasaw Library.

Mr. Eddie Postoak offered to have Indian cemeteries cleaned and fenced. They have new mowing equipment and summer helpers. His department will have a new Global Positioning System meter to locate cemeteries. Ms. Marie Beck asked for cleanup at Sandy Creek Church.

Action: Ms. Beck told her Rabbit Story in Chickasaw for Multi-media this month.

Announcements:

Chicasa Reunion on June 24-26 with chunkey and the old marbles game. Chickasaw Historical Society will dedicate a marker on June 24th. The first Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy will be June 13-24.

Next COE Meeting: 10 AM July 16th, Chickasaw Motor Lodge, Sulphur. Responding to Kirk Perry's challenge to Elders, "How can we help other Chickasaw People?" Three Chickasaw Legislators were invited to the next meeting to tell what they do.

A happy donor

Evelyn Thompson, donates blood for the first time as part of the Chickasaw Nation Blood Drive conducted July 18 at the Community Center in Ada, Okla. Donors received a free t-shirt and a chance to win a Caribbean cruise and helped the Oklahoma blood Institute by donating a total of 21 pints during the event.

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Tribal Lighthorse officers commissioned by BIA

Pictured front row from left, Brian Anderson, Chief Jason O'Neal, Major Vincent Walters, Phillip Wood, Eric Farmer, and Steve Cash. Back row from left, David Johnson (BIA), Patrick Flickinger, George Jesse, Captain Donnie Anderson, Patrick Lambakis, and Dusk Monetathchi. Not pictured: Gary Cozad.

ADA, Okla. — Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers were commissioned as federal officers during a July 7 ceremony at the tribe's Youth and Family Services building.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent David Johnson administered the oath of office to 12 officers, giving them jurisdiction over crimes committed on federal property.

This authority will enable LPD officers a broader range of protection and service to the Chickasaw Nation and citizens of south central Oklahoma.

LPD officers commissioned include Brian Anderson, Captain Donnie Anderson, Steve Cash, Gary Cozad, Eric Farmer, Patrick Flickinger, George Jesse, Patrick Lambakis, Dusk Monetathchi, Chief Jason O'Neal, Major Vincent Walters and Phillip Wood.

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Office seeks to build stronger family relationships

Jeanie Anderson

Expanded services are now available through the Chickasaw Nation Office of Strong Family Development, formerly known as Project Strong Family.

A variety of classes are available, each focused on building healthy relationships, stronger marriages and higher functioning families.

"These services are available to anyone who has an impact on a Native American child," said Office of Strong Family Development Family Services manager Jeanie Anderson. "Anyone, Native or non-Native, who has an impact on a Native American child is eligible for these services."

Eight-week group sessions focusing on fatherhood, single parent support, youth development and blended families are offered free of charge to Native Americans, tribal employees and others who impact Native Americans. Comparable sessions from a private source cost $50 to $100 per week or more.

"We are offering education to help build strong relationships," said Office of Strong Family Development family Services manager Jeanie Anderson. "These kinds of relationship skills can benefit individuals in any area of life.

"Many Chickasaw Nation employees who have taken the Employee Relationship Enhancement classes have indicated they are very beneficial."

Developed as part of "The Governor's Family Initiative" the services provide a comprehensive educational effort aimed at strengthening relationships and preserving family unity.

"The family is the building block of all society and these services provide direction and skills to help people develop a stronger, more stable family life," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "One would be hard pressed to find a service more vital to enriching the lives of individuals and promoting a healthier, more productive society."

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Tribal support groups focus on helping single parents, dads, families

Single parent support, fatherhood/accountability and Prevention and Relationship Enhancement groups are scheduled for September in Ada, Purcell and Tishomingo. Focusing on challenges and demands single parents face daily, the **single parent support group** is designed to develop skills necessary to better meet these challenges.

The group will meet for one hour each Thursday for eight weeks beginning 6 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Purcell area office.

The **fatherhood/accountability group** supports and assists fathers in becoming strong leaders and providers for their families.

The group will meet for one hour each Tuesday for eight weeks beginning 6 p.m., Sept. 13 at 231 Seabrook Rd. in Ada.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) is an educational program designed to teach the skills and principles needed to maintain healthy and lasting relationships.

This group will meet for 90 minutes each Tuesday for eight weeks beginning 6 p.m., Sept. 13 at the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo.

For information or to register for any group, call (580) 436-1222.

Presentation helps parents help their children choose abstinence

A 75-minute presentation offered by the Office of Strong Family Development encourages and empowers parents to talk to their teens about choosing abstinence until marriage.

"Research indicates that when parents are actively involved with their teens in encouraging abstinence until marriage, teens listen, respond and more openly choose abstinence," said Jeanie Anderson, Family Services manager. "*Help Your Teen Choose Abstinence* provides the parent with everything needed to have a major impact in their teen's life."

The presentation will be offered 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 in the Ada area.

For information, call Regina Folger at (580) 436-1222 or e-mail regina.folger@chickasaw.net.

Bank2 purchases Oklahoma City insurance agency

Bank2, Oklahoma's fastest growing minority owned bank, has acquired Oklahoma City based Phoenix Insurance Agency. "We are excited about having the ability to now offer Native American tribes and other organizations commercial insurance, workman's compensation, general liability and bonding services through the insurance agency in addition to our current full line of banking products," said Ross A. Hill, president/CEO of Bank2. "To my knowledge this is the first 100% tribally owned insurance agency in America."

Through their new headquarters in Nichols Hills, OK, the Phoenix Insurance Agency will continue to specialize in commercial insurance products designed to meet the needs of organizations of all types and especially Native American tribes and tribal entities.

"Bank2, purchased the agency in an effort create and manage captive insurance companies for Native American tribes and other organizations," Hill explained. "Our goal is to see Native American tribes and other organizations prosper through captive insurance ownership."

Long time Oklahoma insurance executive John Sullivan has been retained as president for the agency. Sullivan has been active in the insurance business since 1957 and encourages those insured to self-insure when and as much as possible. Sullivan has been a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Federal Bar since 1950 as well as the American Institute of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters since 1974. He is also a sustaining member of the American Institute of Property and Casualty Underwriters, the International Risk Management Institute and the Defense Research Institute.

Ross A. Hill, president and CEO of Bank2, will serve as Chairman of the Board for Phoenix Insurance Agency. Other board members include, Neal McCaleb, Smith Wycoff, JD Colbert, John Sullivan and Brian Sullivan. Raynell Hill will serve as Corporate and Board Secretary.

For interviews or additional information regarding the *Phoenix Insurance Agency, please contact Ross A. Hill.*

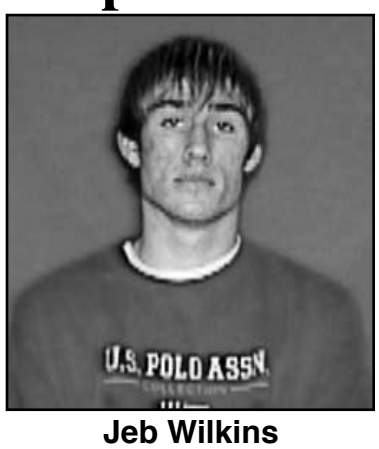
Family Services now offering programs at Purcell office

A variety of services designed to promote the development of strong families are now being offered at the Purcell area office. These services are now more easily accessible to Chickasaws in the Purcell area, including Norman and Oklahoma City.

Services offered include family and couples counseling, Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP), groups offering support to single parents, and fatherhood/accountability groups.

For information or to schedule appointments, call (405) 527-6667 or e-mail Jeanie Anderson at jeanie.anderson@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw cager to continue hoops career at Murray State



Jeb Wilkins

Jeb Wilkins is a 2005 graduate of Pittsburg High School. He is the son of Gary Royce Wilkins, Kiowa, Okla., and Scarlett Cavitt, Gainesville, Texas.

During high school Jeb was very active in basketball. He was selected to the Oklahoma All Indian All-State (first team), All Kimishi First Team, All Pittsburg County Conference (first team), Pittsburg County Conference, Player of the Year, All-District First Team and All Area Power Forward. His junior year he was named Texas All State.

He will continue his basketball career at Murray State (OK) College on a scholarship.

Summer interns, continued from page 9

Chickasaw summer interns join Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Front row from left, Education Services Director Lori Hamilton, Adria Gurry, Jennifer Walker, Lalayna Lines, Chasity Smith, Gov. Anoatubby, Jennifer Ramer, Erin Diffee, Mahate Parker, Ashley Hart, and Education Services Administrator Lisa John. Back row from left, Kevin Kincheloe, Josh Davis, Zack Skinner, Christina Brown, Randall Hamilton.

cused primarily on the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the summarization of historical treaties.

Chasity Smith is a senior at East Central University majoring in Health Information Management. Her internship has taken her from Ada to Washington, D.C., to space, and back. Ms. Smith joined the Education Department leadership on a trip to visit some of the other interns in the nation's capitol.

"I was able to see Washington D.C. for the first time and had so much fun, but I gained a lot of career experience on my trip," she said.

Ms. Smith also worked with the Youth & Family Department on the Youth Task Force and helped coordinate and serve as a staff member at the CNASA (Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy) summer camp.

Recent East Central University graduate Christine Brown plans to enter graduate school in the fall to earn her master's degree in History. That's why interning in the Heritage Preservation Division of the Cultural Center is perfect for her.

"A lot of people think they need to go away to study, but they can learn a lot of history right here," said Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown helped in preparing for the 2005 Chi Ka Sha Reunion and was able to take part in the cultural weekend for the first time.

"I really enjoyed it and learned a lot. I helped make a coloring book for the children and learned a lot of new Chickasaw words while doing it," she said.

Ms. Brown has also been working on learning more about the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, which protects remains, funeral articles and other sacred articles that can be affiliated with Native American tribes.

All the interns agreed that their time with the Chickasaw Nation has been a valuable learning experience and many plan on pursuing careers with the tribe upon completing their educations. Some even have goals to one day be in tribal or governmental leadership themselves.

"Everyone needs to learn to contribute to the functionality of the tribe," Ms. Barnes said. "We are the future of the tribe, so we need to know how to run it."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw summer intern Jennifer Barnes

Summer interns

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Jennifer Barnes	Washington D.C./Legal
Christine Brown	Heritage Preservation
Joshua Davis	Washington D.C.
Erin Diffee	Enterprises
Stephanie Griffith	Youth & Family
Randall Hamilton	Enterprises
Ashley Hart	Lighthorse Police
Laura Jacobson	Washington D.C.
Kevin Kincheloe	Washington D.C.
Lalanya Lines	Carl Albert
Mahate' Parker	Washington D.C./Health Systems
Jennifer Ramer	Child Care
Zach Skinner	Native American Fund Advisors

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Champions Football Camp hits the mark with campers

John Darter, Duncan, receives the first annual Day of Champions Academic Award from Coach Ken Heupel. Darter received this award along with a $500 savings bond for his performance in attitude, teamwork and hustle throughout the camp.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Champions Football Camp completed another successful session on July 7 – 8 at East Central University in Ada. Over 80 Chickasaw students from around the state took part in this two-day camp designed to teach youth the fundamentals of football while showing them that competing in the sport should always be fun.

Several standout college and professional football players gathered at the camp to help teach and motivate the campers. Josh Heupel, former University of Oklahoma quarterback, and his father Ken, conducted the clinic through their organization

University of Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner, Jason White, looks on while East Central University Defensive Coordinator, Todd Fugett, teaches campers how to correctly "read" the quarterback.

Heupel was joined by former OU teammates, including Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and Josh Norman. White now plays with the Tennessee Titans and Norman is a tight end with the Oakland Raiders.

Heupel, who is now the tight ends coach at the University of Arizona, returned to Ada for his third year with the Champions Camp.

"I come back each year because I know a lot of good people who are at the Chickasaw Nation and I know the good things they do, plus I just like working with kids and teaching them about the game," said Heupel. "I think it is important to teach people skills and how to be successful, not just in football, but in life, on the job, or where ever. I want them to understand it takes hard work to succeed and working hard will help you achieve anything in life."

Second year camper, Stephen Cully, an Ada Junior High seventh-grader, came back to the camp this year because he wants to learn agility, the camp is fun, and he just likes to play football. He says his favorite part of camp is "playing Sooner Ball with Coach Heupel!"

Some area coaches also participated with the camp including East Central University offensive coordinator, Chuck Hepola.

"This is a great opportunity for (kids) to come out to the field and play, what I consider, the greatest game there is," said Hepola. "I want to be a part of helping the kids learn discipline, fundamentals and skills, but play and have fun while they're doing it. What we are doing here is planting a seed to prepare them for whatever their future endeavors may be."

The camp ended with an awards ceremony and autograph session.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Stephen Cully, Ada 7th grader, poses with former Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel during this year's Chickasaw Nation Champions Camp.

Former University of Oklahoma Sooner quarterback and current Arizona football coach, Josh Heupel, takes a group of young campers through offensive drills during the two-day Champions Camp conducted at East Central University in Ada.

2005 Champions Football Camp Teams & Winners

Chiefs
Punt Winners
1. Jason Downing
2. Lennon Carney

Pass Winners
1. Darren Briley
2. Taylor Burris

Kick Winners
1. Jacob Thomas Liles
2. Robert "Wayne" Johns

Ravens
Punt Winners
1. Robert Lampkin
2. Alex Bottrell

Pass Winners
1. Robert Lampkin
2. Matthew Medcalf

Kick Winners
1. Matthew Medcalf
2. Robert Lampkin

Bears
Punt Winners
1. Alex Wlaton
2. Dakota West

Pass Winners
1. Brady Caldwell
2. Quinton Newson

Kick Winners
1. Kelvin Brister
2. Micah Tiger

Chargers
Punt Winners
1. Trenton Newson
2. Joseph Nemecek

Pass Winners
1. Micah Simmer
2. Hunter Needham

Kick Winners
1. Sefaun White
2. Joseph Nemecek

Buffalo Bills
Punt Winners
1. Cooie Potts
2. Cason Teel

Pass Winners
1. Reid Wall
2. John Stone

Kick Winners
1. Randy Brown
2. Reid Wall

Browns & Buccaneers
Punt Winners
1. D'Angelo Dunn
2. Luke Davis

Pass Winners
1. Zerik Sheets
2. Chase Bryant

Kick Winners
1. Haydn Rogers
2. Carmalle "C.J." McGee

Raiders
Punt Winners
1. Seth Beaird
2. Stephen Cully

Pass Winners
1. Trent Beaird
2. Bradley Hawkins

Kick Winners
1. Kodie Joe Shepherd
2. Thomas Clark

Saints
Punt Winners
1. Tyler Brown
2. Riley Walker

Pass Winners
1. Dalton Lewis
2. Dalton Gaines

Kick Winners
1. Dalton Gaines
2. Kale Lampkin

Jets
Punt Winners
1. Kendall Lance
2. Chris Campbell

Pass Winners
1. Chris Campbell
2. Dylan Terry

Kick Winners
1. Bryan Samis
2. Ryan Gaines

Lions & Broncos
Punt Winners
1. John Darter
2. Alex Gambel

Pass Winners
1. Mark Wisdom
2. Griffin Henderson

Kick Winners
1. Kaelin Gastineau
2. John Darter

Tribal Child Support Service serving Indian children across the country

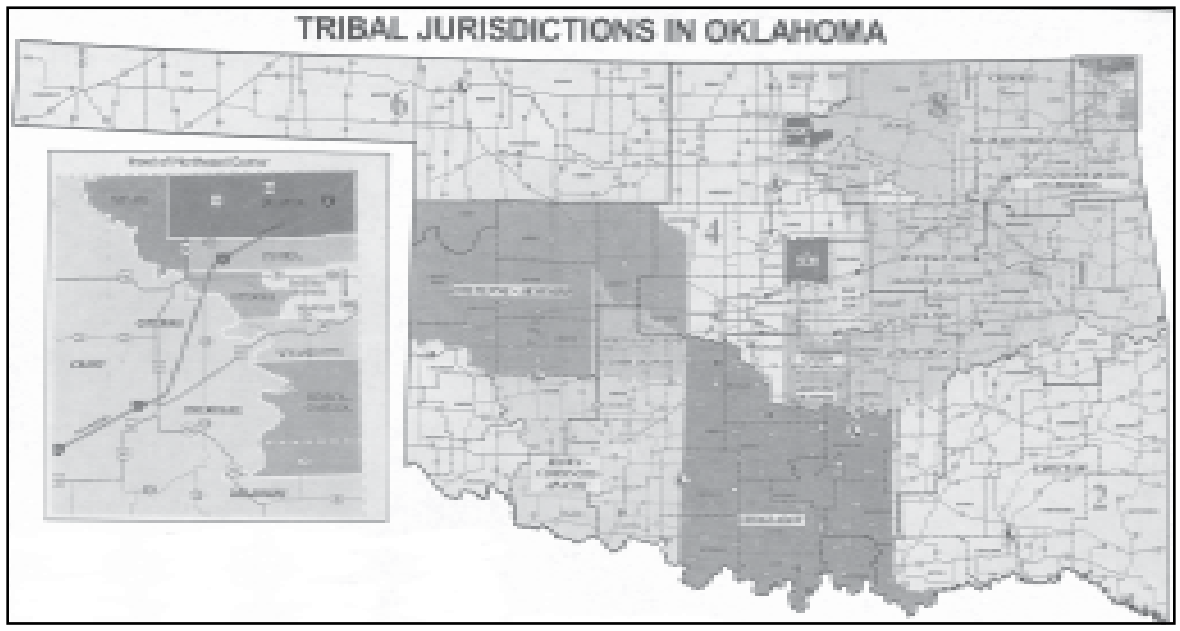
With the vision and forethought of Governor Bill Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Nation began operating its own child support program in October, 1996. The program operates as a cooperative agreement with the state of Oklahoma and federal funds appropriated from the federal Office of Child Support - Department of Human Services and Families. Since 1996, the Chickasaw Nation's Child Support Service office has grown from a one-person operation into a staff of 50 including an additional office located in Owasso (near Tulsa).

The Chickasaw Nation has signed Memoranda of Understanding Agreement with: Cherokee Nation, Creek Nation, Choctaw Nation, Sac and Fox Tribe, Kickapoo Tribe, Comanche Tribe, Kiowa Tribe, Caddo Tribe, Wichita Tribe and Citizen Pottawatomi Nation to provide services to their tribal members. These 14 tribes, plus the Chickasaw Nation, represent over 45,000 Indian children who are currently receiving child support services that this entity provides.

No money for administrative fees is withheld from the child support payments collected. In the past fiscal year alone, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services has collected more than $9 million on behalf of Indian children. Legal status was also established for over 2,000 Indian children with their fathers.

"This department is more than a collection agency; it assists clients needing services from other departments within the tribe, including housing assistance, food programs and health care," Jerry Sweet, Child Support Service director, said. "The staff focuses on the positive outcome in all child support cases so the outcome is a win-win situation for all the parties concerned."

With the support of Governor Anoatubby and Jay Keel, administrator of Youth & Family Service Services Division, the department has grown tremendously.



OKC Chickasaw Council to elect 2005-06 officers

The annual election for the 2005-06 Council Executive Committee of the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will be conducted at the August 2 monthly meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Council House located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. All Chickasaw people are encouraged to attend. Offices include, chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer, secretary and three members-at-large, all of which serve on the Council's Executive Committee.

The OKCMCCC has grown tremendously this past year with a huge increase in new members. The organization had a full calendar during the 2004 - 2005 year with classes in making beaded collars, traditional dresses, shawls, basket making and language classes. Future classes will include those listed plus flute making, stickball making and finger weaving. Guest speakers made presentations about services offered by the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw history, health and legal services, plus special presentations by the Praise Gospel Choir and Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

The OKCMCCC hosted a Christmas celebration, Halloween Fright Night and an Annual Picnic with over 140 members in attendance. The council participated in the Edmond 4th of July parage and plan to participate in the Chickasaw Annual Festival parage at Tishomingo in October and the OKC Stockyards parade this winter. Plans for a bus trip to Mississippi and still being finalized. The 2005-2006 year is expected to bring additional special projects and continued increase in council attendance. Current chairperson, Ann Fink is asking all Chickasaw voters to be sure to attend the August meeting to cast their vote.

The meeting is August 2, 7 p.m. at the OKCMCCC at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call (405) 204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at: www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org

Students receive GED certificates at ceremo-

Tribal director of education services Lori Hamilton presents Jessica Kessie with her GED certificate of completion.

Mark Joshua receives his GED certificate of completion from tribal director of education services Lori Hamilton.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted its first GED Graduates' Awards Ceremony and Reception on May 19, 2005, in the Nutrition Services Building in Ada, Oklahoma. Lori Hamilton, Director of Education Services, was Master of Ceremonies. She was assisted by Martha Eck and Judy Connally, Education Specialists, and Lawana Dansby, Interim Manager/Adult Education and Career Technology. Martha Eck with the help of Jean Tiger, Office Assistant/Adult Education, catered the event.

This reception honored 13 students who successfully completed their GEDs from October 1, 2004 through May 19, 2005. During the reception each student was recognized for his accomplishments, presented with a certificate of completion and provided a check in the amount of $200.

The following students completed their GED and were in attendance at the reception: Amy Ray – Tishomingo, Justin Jones – Ardmore, Karen Pickens – Norman, Shannon Gore – Ada, Josh Barrett – Connerville, Jesse Jaynes – Wapanucka, Shaneka Stevenson – Tishomingo, Mark Joshua – Ada, Matt Watson – Oklahoma City, and Jessica Kessie – Tishomingo. Those unable to attend were Alisha Dunn – Ardmore, Abbigayle Curren – Ada, and Carrie Eastwood – Pauls Valley.

Arkansas Riverbed legislation speared by Interior

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Author's Note: In 1969 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee tribes owned a 90-mile stretch of the Arkansas riverbed in eastern Oklahoma. According to a 1976 study sponsored by the Department of Interior, the assets associated with the riverbed were estimated to be worth $177 million. For that amount, the chiefs of the tribes agreed with the Interior secretary to lease the land to the U.S. government for 99 years. But at Congressional hearings called to discuss the agreement's sponsoring legislation, Senate Bill 660, Interior abruptly withdrew its support, and some vocal tribal members, especially Chickasaw Charles Tate, testified against it.

At this point of apparent stalemate, the committee chair, Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota, asked the tribes and representatives to elaborate on their main points by submitting legal briefs. In the brief filed by Lon Kile for the Chickasaws, and Michael Burrage for the Choctaws, they argued that pre-statehood constitutions were irrelevant because the plenary (unlimited) power by Congress over tribal lands is not subject to abridgement by a tribe or members of the tribe. Furthermore, the disposition of the Arkansas riverbed was a major issue in recent tribal elections. The principal officers were clearly elected, and therefore speak for the majority of their tribes and each of them appeared before the committee to urge that negotiations begin for leasing the bed and banks to the government.[1]

Andrew Wilcoxen, representing the Cherokees, noted that the issue of whether or not the Chickasaw and Choctaw leaders had authority to negotiate on behalf of their tribes was irrelevant to the merits of Senate Bill 660. They are intra tribal matters that provide the Interior Department with another reason to delay entering negotiations. Then, he noted that the Cherokees were not involved in the challenges by Tate and Jimmy Sam (Choctaw tribal member) because the Cherokees had adopted a new constitution on July 5, 1976. The authority of Chief Ross Swimmer to represent and act for the Cherokees is unquestionable, he said.[2]

Charles Tate's brief emphasized the similarity of the Creek case, Harjo vs. Kleppe, to the constitutional issues he had raised. The judge had ruled that the Department (Interior) had been acting illegally in dealing only with the Creek Principal Chief and that the 1867 constitution was still the tribe's governing law. However, since the governing body of the 1867 document no longer existed, the judge directed that a five member commission and popular referenda work out within two years the differences between the tribe's current proposed constitution and the 1867 version.

There is no logical reason, Tate pointed out, why the decision in the Harjo case would not apply to our tribal government. He said the Chickasaw people he represents "declare we are still a sovereign tribe and that they do not intend ... to work for the BIA as the Chickasaw Governors have done." Under the 1867 constitution, Tate said, the Executive branch is the custodian of the people's property; only the legislative branch or the people assembled have the power to dispose of commonly held property. While the executive position is transitory, the right of the people is permanent, he emphasized. Next, Tate wrote

that the appraised land did not include "thousands of acres of land" that the BIA would have to contest against people living on land abutting the river. How, Tate asked rhetorically, can land and minerals be appraised when the boundaries to the lands are either unknown or in dispute?[3]

Before leaving Washington, Chickasaw Governor Overton James, Swimmer and Choctaw Chief David Gardner met with Office of Management and Budget director Bert Lance who confirmed that one of his assistants did feel that the government owed the tribes nothing. Lance, however, said he was not opposed to the bill and wanted to do what was right.[4] And the tentatively scheduled meeting in Tulsa that Raymond Butler had mentioned in his testimony was held in June. Later, that month, the Senate passed S. B. 660 and the bill was introduced in the House. Momentum seemed to be building again for a settlement. The first committee hearing on the measure was held in September and again the three principal officers testified as they had previously. So, too, did their adversaries, Tate and Jimmy Sam.

Gov. James, in particular, believed that Tate's motives were base. "He [Tate] couldn't get over losing the election [1975] and was trying to embarrass me." Many of the people in tribal government agreed with James. 0thers thought that Tate's objections to the Arkansas riverbed agreement were sincerely made. Even James's supporters, such as Bill Anoatubby and Kennedy Brown, granted that Tate had raised serious objections that could not be easily dismissed.

The 1906 Act was subject to interpretation. Gov. James argued that Congress, in passing the act, clearly intended to terminate the Five Civilized Tribes, excepting the principal officer, "in contemplation of Oklahoma becoming a state."[5] But one way or the other, James and his two counterparts had agreed to settle with the federal government because the Arkansas riverbed was an unmanageable asset. The river was under the control of the Army Corps of Engineers and up and down its banks were farmers who fervently believed that the land belonged to them. These people might have to be taken on one-by-one in prolonged and expensive lawsuits. In an ironic reversal of roles, the tribes would then be perceived as the bullies, pushing "little guys" out of their homes.

Wilcoxen testified that the riverbed was "the one great asset left to the tribes." The proceeds from the sale, he said, could be used to create new jobs and provide health care and educational services for members. Those opposed testified that money from a settlement would only go into the pockets of the chiefs and attorneys.[6] Such inflammatory talk made policymakers very uncomfortable about doing anything, but to further guard against a settlement, Tate filed suit in federal district court in Washington, D.C. He asked the court to rule on the validity of the 1867 constitution, and then using it as a guideline, compel the defendants to cooperate in the reorganization of tribal government. He also asked for a preliminary injunction prohibiting the defendants "from pending or disposing of Chickasaw tribal assets...."[7] The case was referred to as Cravatt vs. Andrus. Darius Cravatt was a member of an Ardmore family of Chickasaws who supported Tate's point of view. Andrus was Cecil Andrus, the Secretary of the Interior.

AIthough Gov. James had been trying to get a new tribal constitution enacted since 1972,

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Ada Community Council elects board members at large

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council recently elected Board Members at Large during its July 21 meeting at the Marie Bailey Community Center. President Cheryl Hassell requested nominees and Jim Perry, Jeannie Copeland, and Mary Ahtone were selected to assist in expanding the Community Council.

Cheryl recognized the sitting tribal legislators and candidates in attendance; Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling, Melvin Burris, Toby Perkins, Mooniene Ogee, Heath Allison, and Rodney Brown.

We were honored to have the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred come and explain the workings of the Court system. Joining Chief Justice Bellefeuille-Eldred were Court Clerk Wayne Joplin, Assistant Court Clerk Tamara Dresser, and District Court Clerk Connie Tillery.

Ben Nail won a beautiful Chickasaw Nation Seal afghan donated by the Judicial Branch as a door prize.

The council enjoyed a casual dinner of sandwiches following the meeting.

Please come and be a part of our next Community Council meeting August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marie Bailey Community Center.

OKC Council participates in Edmond July 4 parade

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council's awareness campaign achieved unprecedented exposure with two major events in July. The Edmond 4th of July parade is Oklahoma's largest hometown parade with over 100 entries. The OKCMCCC entry featured council members in regalia and a traditional Chickasaw drummer performing the entire 1.5 mile parade route. The Edmond Liberty-Fest was selected as one of the top 10 places to be in America on July 4th by CNN and USA Today.

The Council's Annual Picnic on July 16, had the highest attendance ever with over 140 people attending. The Chickasaw Stomp Dance group provided entertainment. The council provided a forum for all legislative incumbents and candidates at the picnic. Many nation and state dignitaries also attended.

"The success of these events provided exposure to many people, thus helping us in the OKCMCCC's mission of providing outreach to all Chickasaws in the OKC Metro Area," stated Chair Ann Fink. "The Chickasaw Stomp Dance group, attending legislators and candidates all added to the success of this event, and we thank them all for taking time to spend with our Council members," added Chair Fink.

The OKCMCCC can be reached at (405) 204-0536 or by visiting their website at: www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org. Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City.

American History Grant teachers document Chickasaw cemetery at Bloomfield Academy site

"Kind friends beware, as you pass by

"As you are now so once was I

"As I am now, so you must be

"Prepare therefore to follow me."

That sobering advice was found on a tombstone by five teachers from the Teaching American History Grant at East Central (OK) University during a week of helping clean up the old Bloomfield Academy Cemetery near Achille in Bryan County, Okla.

The teachers also documented the grave sites at the Chickasaw cemetery as part of a summer intern project in partnership with the Chickasaw Nation. The history project's master teachers, Kevin Lynch and Richard Cooper of ECU in Ada, shot video and photos of the cemetery and tombstones, and all the information will be compiled and presented to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department directed by Eddie Postoak.

Bloomfield Academy, one of the earliest Chickasaw schools, was established in 1852-53 and was operated until 1914 when it was relocated to Ardmore, Cooper said.

The cemetery, just south and east of the academy site, served the community that grew up around the school over the years, he said. The last burial was in 1925.

Armed with lawn mowers, weed trimmers, hand clippers and a chainsaw, teachers Sue Sanders of Allen Elementary School, Don Gallagher of Konawa High School, Barbara Heilaman of Konawa Elementary School, Jeff Wood of Latta Junior High School and Glenda Britt of Allen Junior High School helped clear and cut branches and grass around the graves.

The teachers' main task, however, was to survey the cemetery and record the information on the remaining headstones. Lynch said 78 individual graves were identified within the less than two-acre cemetery site.

Cooper was familiar with the cemetery because his wife's great-grandmother is buried there.

The teachers were not surprised to find that many of the graves were those of young children, usually around one year of age. Cooper said some of the children's tombstones are engraved with such sayings as "Budded on earth, blooming in heaven."

The graves of Angelina Carr, wife of the Bloomfield Academy's founder, John H. Carr, and Holmes Colbert, a prominent Chickasaw resident and supporter of the academy, are located in the cemetery.

While the teachers completed their documentation, Charles Shields, historical preservation technician for the Chickasaw Nation, and his summer interns, Justin Cully and Dalton Gaines, continued with the cleanup work.

The group worked from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and were served lunch at the Chickasaw Nation's Achille Community Center.

Lynch said other area cemeteries need to be documented and cleaned up.

"It would be a good way to get public school children involved in service projects," he said. "It is a good learning project."

Ready to tackle the documentation and cleanup of the Bloomfield Academy Cemetery near Achille, Bryan County, Okla., are Teaching American History grant participants from Pontotoc County, Sue Sanders, right, of Allen Elementary School; Don Gallagher, Konawa High School, Barbara Heilaman, Konawa Elementary School; Jeff Wood, Latta Junior High School; Richard Cooper, East Central University; and Glenda Britt, Allen Junior High School.

Bluff City powwow set for Sept. 17-18 in Indiana

ROCKPORT, Ind. - The first ever Bluff City Powwow is set for Sept. 17-18 in Rockport.

Sponsored by the non-profit Indiana Indian Movement (IIM), the powwow will benefit the causes supporter by IIM, including assisting people with money, food, household goods and school supplies.

Those visiting the powwow will also have the opportunity to enjoy the Abraham Lincoln museum and the Pioneer Village. Each will be open during the powwow and will feature actors in period dress.

Rockport is located just minutes from Owensboro, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana. Free primitive camping and meals will be provided for participants. Electricity will be available for vendors.

IIM is a group of Native and non-Native people joined together in mutual respect and support.

For more information, visit the IIM website at www.geocities.com/iim_2004. You can email the group at iim_2004@yahoo.com or call (812) 359-5303 or (812) 459-8643.

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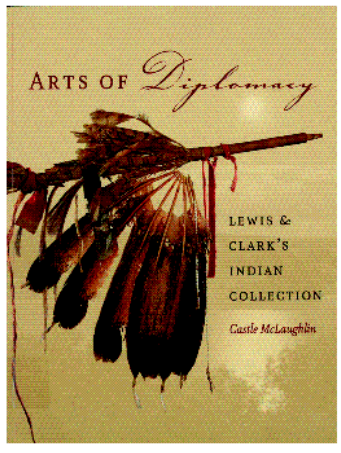

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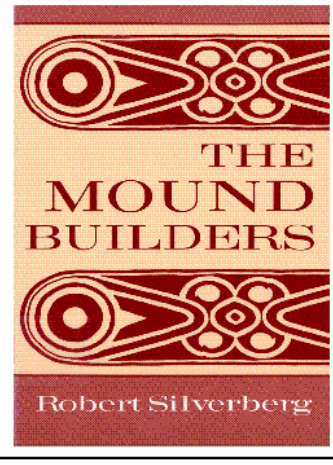

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the project, to his dismay and chagrin, was still in limbo by late 1977. Tate's legal maneuvering had successfully blocked a referendum that likely would have resulted in ratification of either of the earlier constitutional drafts. Had that document been in place, with a popularly elected council of representatives, Tate's lawsuit might have gone nowhere and some sort of riverbed settlement with the three tribes might have been worked out.

But when Tate filed suit, it began to appear that Congress was not going to authorize a settlement involving a large appropriation to any tribe at lacked a constitution or whose constitution was in dispute. The question as to whether the Chickasaws lacked a constitution or were still subject to e 1867 version was going to be settled in court. As a result, the Department of Interior decided later that fall to suspend negotiations with the Chickasaws and Choctaws.[8]

That fall, James appointed a ten member constitutional steering committee chaired by attorney and advisory council member Robert Keel.[99]

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1. Other members included Lorene Greenwood, Andy "Wolf' Hamilton, Barbara Boston, Ben Harris, Pauls Dunigan, Kennedy Brown, Henry Pratt, Overton Cheadle, Robert Stephens and Barbara Boston, who had just been named the year's Chickasaw Princess.

The new draft was completed and okayed by the Advisory Council in January 1978, and mailed for review to BIA Muskogee Area Director Jack Ellison and the Secretary of the Interior.

In an accompanying letter, James pointed out several provisions of the 1867 constitution that were outdated or had no application to modern times. One involved treason, another the prohibition of double jeopardy while another provision set up an extensive court system. But the governor also noted similarities in the 1867 and 1978 versions; for example, the duties and authority of the proposed nine member Tribal Council, James wrote, parallels those of the 1867 created two house legislature. He also pointed out that the constitutional committee included entire sections from the 1867 document in its 1978 constitution.[10]

Simultaneously, attorney Lon Kile, representing the Chickasaw and Choctaw leadership, filed motions in the U.S. District Court to dismiss Tate's suit or at least have it transferred to the Eastern District of Oklahoma in Muskogee. These motions were denied. But as expected, officials of the Interior Department approved the constitution in late 1978, paving the way for the tribal referendum via the mail in January 1979. Tate unsuccessfully attempted to get a restraining order to stop the referendum.

The ballots were counted in Washington, D.C. in a small jury room under the order of District Judge Charles Richey. It was no contest. 1,299 voted to approve (92 percent) while 116 said no.[11] On May 31, Judge Richey issued a court order finding that "the Chickasaw Nation has effectively and legally replaced the 1867 constitution with the 1979 constitution in a manner consistent with the procedures outlined by the Court in Harjo."[12] As Gov. James observed, now that the matter was over, the tribe could get on with elections for governor, lieutenant governor and the Tribal Council. Balloting, to be by mail, was scheduled for July.[13]

Moreover, the stymied negotiations over the Arkansas riverbed could be renewed. The governor told his Advisory Council that all parties had agreed that the government would pay the tribes for the sand and gravel. This precedent, he said, could facilitate future transactions involving oil, gas and coal. Then, perhaps speaking more to Tate and his supporters than the council, James said that land would be leased not sold.[14]

The governor's understanding may have come from Cherokee Chief Swimmer who had continued to negotiate with Interior while the Chickasaws and Choctaws were tied up in court. Swimmer said the Cherokees had agreed in early 1979 to accept $8.45 million for sand and gravel removed from the river in the construction of the Kerr McClellan navigation project. Certainly, the other two tribes would be entitled to their share. But in March, Swimmer said the BIA might be trying to back out on the deal. A BIA official said the tribes' claim might not be valid. Swimmer said, "Either we're (Cherokees) going to get paid or we will develop the resources of the river ourselves."[15]

That last part was bravado for even the second largest tribe in the nation didn't have the money or expertise to develop the resources that were physically and/or legally unavailable to them. The Cherokees, however, did have an influential advocate, Oklahoma Senator Henry Bellmon, a member of the Senate Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations, who was pushing to get the $8.45 million appropriation included in the fiscal 1980 budget. But when the budget was finalized, the appropriation was not there, even though Interior's top attorney had recommended it. After debating the matter, the subcommittee had decided it was too complex and needed further study.[16]

This must have been particularly vexing after two difficult years of surmounting one obstacle after another. The tribes had been so near and yet remained so far from a settlement.

Note: The Arkansas riverbed case was finally settled in late 2002. The story of that settlement will be the subject of the concluding installment of the series.

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Chickasaw girl in pageant

Alyssa Lynn Lawalin, 4, competed in the 4-6 year old category of the American Miss Oklahoma Princess Pageant at Tulsa, June 17 and 18.

The pageant consisted of three categories with Alyssa placing third in casual wear modeling, fourth in talent and named best costume at the luau party. There were 48 contestants.

Alyssa is 1/8 Chickasaw and the daughter of Angela Jordan and the granddaughter of Daniel and Janet Frazier of Ada.

We are proud of Alyssa's accomplishments at her first pageant.

Alyssa Lawalin

Chickasaw t-ball player is tops

Jefferson McDonald

Jefferson Lee McDonald finished his first year of t-ball with his team capturing the championship of the Kiwanis League of Ada, Okla.

He is the son of Thalia Walton and Jeff McDonald of Ada.

He is the grandson of Martha and J.C. Hawkins and Ervin Walton all of Ada, Nadine McDonlad of Sulphur, Okla. and the late Larry McDonald. He is the great-grandson of the late Martha Stick. He has two sisters and one brother.

Congratulations on a great ball season, you did a good job your first year!

Chickasaw Words

Fast-palhki	Play-chokoshkomo
Slow-salaa	Work-toksali
Quiet-chokkilissa	Night-oklihili
Noisy-shakabli	Day-nittak
Wet-ihayita	Hard-kallo
Dry-shila	Soft-yabofa
Clean-chofata	Sunny-hashi toomi
Dirty-litiha	Cloudy-hoshonti
Weak-ik kilimpo	Big-ishto
Strong-kilimpi	Little-iskanno'si

Design selected for Chickasaw Foundation 2005 Cultural Evening flyer and patch

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted a flyer and patch design contest for the 2005 Cultural Evening. The winners of this year's contest are:

1st place – Ms. Quenna Harris

2nd place – Mr. Orlando Watley

3rd place – Mr. Wyas Parker

Ms. Harris received $100 for her artwork titled "Celebrating Being Chickasaw."

Please remember to join the Foundation Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at Kullihoma for the 4th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. The Foundation will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Quenna Harris receiving her award from Kirk Perry, Trustee.

Operation Green Plant provides seeds and bulbs for community

The Chickasaw Foundation received a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund's Operation Green Plant to plant seeds for the good of the community. America the Beautiful Fund makes grants of seeds and bulbs available to volunteers all over the country to grow food for the needy, improve neighborhoods, assist environmental education programs, and create new parks and community gardens. The Chickasaw Nation Community Garden will give the donated fund of seeds to Chickasaw elders to plant and harvest their own gardens after seeding and sowing have been completed at all of the Chickasaw Nation senior sites.

Thalia Miller and Johnna R. Walker with seeds received from the America the Beautiful Grant fund.

Upward Bound students busy with study, activities

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs were in full swing the month of June. Students moved into the dorms at Murray State College on June 1 and were busy with classes June 2. Students participated in mathematics, science, literature, composition, speech, video editing and foreign language classes during the day. Swimming, movies, skating, bowling, laser tag, dances, basketball, baseball and other sports made up the evening activities.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Upward Bound program hosted the annual Upward Bound All Sports Day on June 22 – 24. The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound is proud to announce its group brought home the Best All Around trophy for the second year in a row. Several Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students won individual and team medals and awards in many different competitions. Congratulations to all the students for doing an outstanding job!

On June 29 the foundation hosted its annual Upward Bound Awards Banquet. Teachers chose a best student and a most improved student to receive an award for each subject area. The teachers had a hard time choosing just one student as there were several who were deserving of the awards. The foundation truly has some very gifted students in the program. The foundation was very honored to have a special guest, Mr. Kennedy Brown, Chickasaw Foundation board member, attend the awards banquet. Following the Banquet, the students enjoyed a "fiesta" theme dance provided by DJ Izzy complete with sombreros and maracas.

Move out day was June 30 for all of the students except the Bridge students who are attending regular college classes at Murray State College. Everyone went home, but not for long as Upward Bound year-end trips were scheduled to begin on July 6. Sophomores went to Dallas on July 6; juniors traveled to San Antonio on July 11, seniors went to South Padre on July 18 and Bridge students traveled to Durango, Colorado on August 1. Each trip was planned to be both educational and exciting for everyone.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs serve over 150 high school students in 23 schools within the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, call 580-371-9903.

Chickasaw Foundation STARS Disbursement

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted the Chickasaw Foundation STARS event on March 29, 2005. The Foundation appreciated the opportunity to provide the event to benefit Pontotoc County schools which in turn benefits many children.

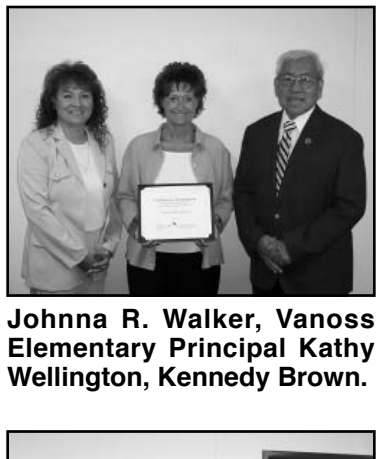
Kirk Perry, Allen Public Schools Superintendent David Lassiter, Johnna R.

Kirk Perry, Pickett Center School Superintendent Patsy West, Johnna R. Walker.

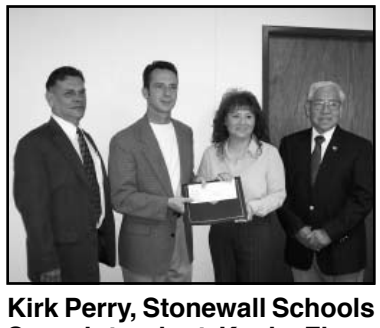
Kennedy Brown, Roff Schools Superintendent Ron Brown, Johnna R. Walker.

Each participating school was represented by students who provided entertainment for the evening. The event was a huge success due to the numerous volunteers, including several Chickasaw Nation employees. The volunteers assisted in the planning, set-up/decorating, ticket sales, event participation and clean-up.

During the week of June 14-17, 2005, Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director of the Chickasaw Foundation, presented the school administrators or their designated representative their checks from the benefit.



Johnna R. Walker, Vanoss Elementary Principal Kathy Wellington, Kennedy Brown.



Kirk Perry, Stonewall Schools Superintendent Kevin Flowers, Johnna R. Walker, Kennedy Brown.

Kirk Perry, Ada City Schools Superintendent Pat Harrison, Johnna R. Walker.

Johnna R. Walker, Byng Public Schools Superintendent Steven Crawford, Kennedy Brown.

Johnna R. Walker, Latta Public Schools Superintendent Cliff Johnson.

'Its About Money'

Chickasaw interns important to future tribal success

J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Providing opportunities to develop and train future Chickasaw business leaders is part and parcel of what we do at our various Chickasaw Nation businesses. Bank2 is also doing its part to develop future business leaders at our tribe.

One of our brightest and most promising young Chickasaw interns is Chris Moody. Chris has been at Bank2 for well over a year now and has played an increasingly larger role in helping Bank2 to succeed. Chris will begin his junior year at OU this fall. He works for us here at Bank2 on a fulltime basis during the summer and puts in about 10 hours per week during the school year.

Chris's duties have evolved to where he is now very active in direct customer contact and customer service. For example, he has actually worked directly with prospective home mortgage customers in assisting them during the application process and working with the customers to get their loans closed.

In addition Chris has taken on many special projects here at Bank2. Among some of his more notable accomplishments, Chris has assisted Bank2 in landing at least one $1 million deposit relationship, he has played a key role in developing a database of American Indian-owned businesses here in Oklahoma and has helped to market Bank2 products and services at various seminars and conferences. Chris has even helped us to recruit other Chickasaw interns here at Bank2.

Chris comes from a family with a record of service to the Chickasaw Nation. For example, his aunt, Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, currently serves as Chief Justice of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court. We at Bank2 are not the only ones to recognize Chris's potential and accomplishments. Chris was recently honored by University of Oklahoma president David Boren as OU's "Sophomore of the Year" for 2005. That is quite an honor considering that there are over 5,000 sophomores at OU.

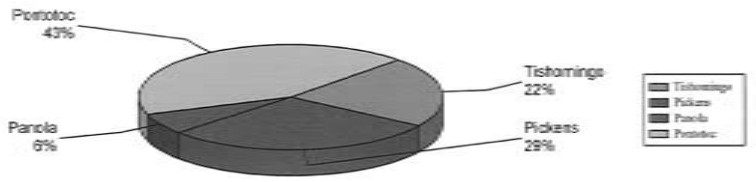
We at Bank2 are pleased to be a part of the Chickasaw Nation's efforts in developing and training our talented young Chickasaws. That is an investment that is not only the right thing to do but one which will pay dividends back to the tribe for many years to come.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $75 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	**1,321**	**Pontotoc**	**8,723**
Pickens	**5,915**	**Tishomingo**	**4,407**
			20,366

Voters Chart by Districts



PV Council merging with Purcell

The Chickasaw Council of Pauls Valley has decided to merge with the Purcell Chickasaw Council, meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

Hereafter there will be no more meetings at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting room except for special meetings that may be called in the future.

The Purcell Council has been kind enough to invite the Garvin County Indian people to their meetings. If anyone would like to car pool to their meetings they may call Pauline Rodke to arrange a ride, 405-484-7219.

The Purcell Council has very good programs and often have one or more legislators reporting on new activities of the Chickasaw Nation. They usually serve refreshments, therefore the Garvin County people should contribute to the refreshment table, also.

For more information about Chickasaw activities in Garvin County, you may call Pauline Rodke, 405-484-7219.

Free Health Screening In Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - If you are 18 years old or older, have a family member with diabetes, high blood pressure or chronic kidney failure, or if you have high blood pressure or diabetes, you are invited to participate in a free health screening.

The Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) screening will be conducted August 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sulphur Expo Center, 4000 W. Highway 7 in Sulphur.

The screening is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Oklahoma in association with the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, call Freda Ozbirn at (580) 622-2888.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Summer Youth participant

Angela Wheeler

Angela Wheeler is the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth participant for the Chickasaw Foundation this year. Angela is hard working and a pleasure to have in the office.

Chi Ka Sha Reunion

Michael Stick, front with ball in sticks, prepares to score as his teammates block the opponents for him at the recent Chi Ka Sha Reunion. Also pictured are Brandon Stephens, Thirkiel Wedlow, Micah Tiger and Jordan (Chubba) Stick. They are the grandsons of Lynie Richardson.

Enjoying the reunion

Lynie Richardson, center, visits with attendees at the 8th Annual Chi Ka Sha Annual Reunion at Kullihoma about traditional dress and ribbon shirt making. Also pictured is Theea Stephens, seated.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest May 2005 winners

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a $50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for May 2005 is Billy Duckworth.

The contest will run from May through August and all active participants in the Homeowners Program are eligible to enter by calling (580) 421-8855. The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a $250.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card.

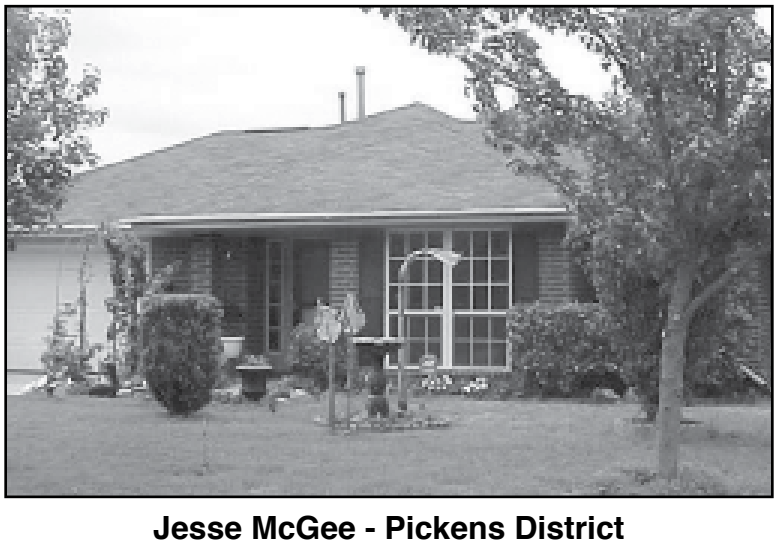
Billy Duckworth - Panola/Tishomingo District

Joe Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo District

John Lindsey - Pickens District

Curtis Hughey - Pontotoc District

Courtney Cook - Pontotoc District



Jesse McGee - Pickens District

Food distribution process explained in home visits

Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Ada Site Supervisor Sandy Harjo began making home visits in February 2005 to discuss the Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program and other Chickasaw Nation programs and services with active participants. Harjo visits approximately 24 clients per month within the Chickasaw Nation service area.

The process begins by notifying clients through the mail that Harjo will be visiting them. Harjo also makes a courtesy call to each client prior to his visits to remind them of the upcoming visit and to ensure that they have no objections to the visit. The main goal of this process is to put clients at ease and provide them with the opportunity to learn about the Food Distribution Program and other services offered by the Chickasaw Nation.

Harjo takes a Chickasaw Nation Programs and Services book with him to each visit so that he is well equipped to discuss any questions that clients may have. Harjo says that the book is a good tool that aids him in helping people to understand how to utilize Chickasaw Nation programs. The book also provides him with contact information that he can easily relay to the client.

Harjo also discusses the monthly Nutrition Services calendar with clients and explains the hours of operation for each store. Harjo also explains the shopping list and the many food choices that are available to each participant. Harjo feels that slowing down and taking time to go over the list step by step helps clients better understand the program and their options. For example, many clients are not aware that they can make multiple visits to the FDP stores instead of picking up all of their groceries at once. Harjo also explains the rights and responsibilities and 501 Regulations mandated by USDA to each client. Harjo closes each visit by asking the client if they were well treated by all Nutrition Services staff members and asks for any suggestions or ideas that they may have to improve services. Each visit takes approximately 30-45 minutes.

Beyond the Divide: Chickasaw-Choctaw Warfare

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Chickasaw Migration

The Chickasaws and Choctaws once were one people, according to the Chickasaw migration story. This understanding is common to the accounts of English trader James Adair in 1775 and the 20th century Chickasaw activist, Jess Humes. There are other versions in between. They all involve people making a lengthy journey from the west, following a sacred leaning pole, and a complication that resolves when the people split into two groups.

In the Chickasaw versions, one group stays put at the behest of a leader named Chata. The other, much smaller group, follows his twin brother, Chikasa, as they continue heading east. Was this a simple yet profound difference of opinion on this one matter? A case of sibling rivalry? Or had the seeds for the split already been planted, possibly through differences among clans?

Before these highly spiritual people separated, a prophet may have foreseen the eventual warfare between them, and warned that it would be caused by a greedy and hateful alien race. Such a premonition would have added even more distress to the parting.

Whatever, that moment of separation marked the emergence of two distinct peoples. Before they split up, the migrants had a name we will never know. Afterward, they adopted the names of their respective leaders and became the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

When the division occurred is a mystery that will never be solved. But the point is that the break up was permanent.

Choctaw Views

As you might expect, Choctaws see their origin somewhat differently. Clara Sue Kidwell, a Choctaw and director of the University of Oklahoma Native American Studies Program, notes that Choctaw origin stories are of two sorts. She cites the work of ethnologist John Swanton who reviewed the early literature and interviewed Choctaws early in the 20th century.

In one type, the people are migrating from the west. But this migration story has at least two versions, Dr. Kidwell says. "In one, a quarrel between the brothers Chata and Chiksa led to the split between them and their respective followers. In another, they were separated during a storm."

These versions seem to have originated in the 19th century. An 18th century migration account does not name the brothers. What could that mean? Dr. Greg O'Brien of the University of Southern Mississippi says that the names, Chikasa and Chata—linked as they were in the later versions—may have reflected a "regional pan-Indian identity in the early 19th century as a way to counter talk of Removal."

In the other origin story mentioned by Dr. Kidwell, the people emerged from a 25-foot high earthen mound, *Nanih Waiya,* located in east central Mississippi. The words often are translated as "sloping or leaning hill," or "mother mound." Another source says the words mean "place of creation." And indeed it was in the Choctaw story, in which the tribe emerged from the mound. Like the Chickasaw story, the Choctaw story also has variations. In one, the people emerged from a cave near *Nanih Waiya*; in another, the Choctaws were the fourth tribe to materialize from the mound, following the Muscogees (Creeks), Cherokees and Chickasaws. Along those lines, an 18th century Creek chief, Malachi, referred to his people as the "elder brothers" of the Chickasaws, the younger brothers.

Another Choctaw origin story cited by Mississippi Choctaw archaeologist Ken Carleton, links the first two stories. A prophet leads the migration to *Nanih Waiya*, which was the people's new home until they separated into two groups, one following Chata, the other Chikasa.

In a Choctaw chronology, Mississippi Choctaw tribal historian Bob Ferguson cites the belief that before contact with Europeans, the Choctaws were divided into four provinces, and that the Chickasaws "would have reasonably constituted a northern Choctaw district." But in her book, *Choctaw Genesis*, Dr. Patricia Galloway treats the Chickasaws separately from the four "constituent groups" that she identified by geographic regions as coming together to form the Choctaw confederacy before the turn of the 18th century. According to recent archaeological evidence (not yet confirmed), the Chickasaws in1650 were living in distinct settlements in the Tupelo area at least 60 miles north of the Choctaws.

Chickasaw Genesis?

How much before 1650 is unknown because no European trade goods dated before then have been uncovered at the sites, and archaeologists have no reliable way to date Indian-made material in relatively small increments of time. Moreover, no one has rendered a Chickasaw genesis comparable to Galloway's *Choctaw Genesis*.

We do know from the de Soto chroniclers that the Spanish expedition encountered Chickasaws in 1540, though the location is unknown. Some Tupelo artifact collectors cite circumstantial evidence suggesting an area southwest of Tupelo, but still in Lee County; others, such as Galloway, write that the site is probably 60 miles south near Columbus, MS.

Wherever the Chickasaws were living, we know that well before 1700 they were adopting, and more particularly, enslaving members of other tribes. This was a traditional Southeastern Indian custom of exacting clan revenge and, if needed, bolstering populations. Although enslaving was a practice that predated European contact, English agents, in particular, provided trade incentives to accelerate and expand it.

At the dawn of the 18th century, the Chickasaws' main target was the Choctaw. It isn't known when the Chickasaws began raiding Choctaw settlements for slaves, but it probably corresponded to when the English began arming the Chickasaws, somewhere between 1680 and 1695. According to turn-of-the-18th-century French reports, the Chickasaws had captured 500 Choctaws and killed 1,800; the Chickasaws lost 800 persons themselves while raiding and being raided.

Given the Southeastern Indians' style of quick-hitting raids rather than engaging in prolonged attacks or pitched battles, these numbers seem exaggerated, especially considering that they fit a pattern of exaggeration. For example, French soldier Henri de Tonti claimed to have seen Englishmen leading 400 Chickasaws on their way to attack Choctaws. Even less likely, the governor of French Louisiana, Bienville, reported in 1705 that the English led 3,000 Indians against Choctaw villages, which they found abandoned.

Embellishments notwithstanding, colonial records indicate that by 1700—the next time the tribes are linked after they went their separate ways—they were mortal enemies. They would continue to war against one another intermittently for another 60 years.

Chickasaw-Choctaw Links

Why did this warfare start, when the similarity of their languages and their oral histories suggest that they shared a common ancestry? English official Thomas Nairne described one possible way in a 1708 letter: "Upon some disgust, or other reason, 2 Leading men lead out [from the original village, A] Colonies of 30 or 40 fameiles Each and sattle [settle] 2 New Villages," which Nairne labeled B and C. The residents of B and C respect the chiefs of the original village, A, "but as for authority they look on their own Village to be independentÖand free to manage their affairs as best pleases themselvesÖIf the removeall be but a small way, they continue one nation and manage their matters in concert, but if by some quarrelÖthey remove a great way they by degrees alter their Language and become another people."

Could Nairne have been referring to the Chickasaw-Choctaw division?

Many, if not most, people [illegible] ration occurred in the mists of time, long before 1700. But, the division could have happened more recently, perhaps only a century or two before the constituent groups—postulated by Pat Galloway and others—that formed the Choctaw people came together.

This could presume Chickasaw kinship ties with only a portion of the Choctaw. Greg O'Brien cites archaeological evidence that the Chickasaws and Chakchiumas were tied to the Imoklashas, the first ethnic division that supposedly settled the Choctaw homeland. The second major ethnic division identified by O'Brien were the Inhulahtas, thought to be descended from the residents of the Mississippian chiefdom of Moundville (near Tuscaloosa) and later allied with the French against the British and Chickasaws.

Scholars, such as Galloway, O'Brien and James T. Carson agree that the Chickasaws were more closely related to the Indians, identified as Imoklashas by O'Brien, that settled in the Nanih Waiya area (original Choctaw homeland) than the Inhulahtas or the Six Town Choctaws (a later arriving third ethnic group) from the south and east.

If it's true that the Chickasaws and a group of Choctaws had common ancestors, this could explain an enduring mystery: How some Chickasaws and Choctaws could carry on good relations in certain villages in between the cycles of violence from 1700 to 1760.

Villages Abandoned or Destroyed?

Since at least the 1690s, the Chickasaws had been raiding

See ***Chickasaw-Choctaw warfare,*** *page 27*

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Ms. Hartman asked for an update on land acquisition for the Duncan area. Dr. Goforth Parker stated the Nation is searching for a large track of land so the facilities can be consolidated into one area. They were looking for property located between Marlow and Duncan in order to service both areas. Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott encouraged students to apply for scholarships as soon as possible.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported the committee met with the Health Care Administrator, Mr. Bill Lance. He gave an update of the health care services.

Ms. Hartman asked for information regarding funding issues on Medicare and Medicaid in Indian Country. Ms. Green stated she would attempt to get the information requested.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report

COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 22-015, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)

This resolution performs a housekeeping chore by amending a reference to the CFR Court to read "the courts of the Chickasaw Nation."

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR22-015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-015 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes invited the candidates running for office to speak at a forum hosted by the Oklahoma City Community Council. He also encouraged the Legislature to create a Chickasaw Warrior Society for the Chickasaw veterans.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on problems his family has experienced at the Ardmore Clinic.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Resolutions, continued from page 6

more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

Requested by:Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-065

Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation described as: a tract of land located in the S/2 of the SE/4 of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 4, West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 1.18 acre, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-012

Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Rules on Legislation)

Explanation: This resolution amends those sections of Title 16, Chapter 2 that describe the process for consideration of proposed legislation by the Tribal Legislature.

Requested By: Linda Briggs, Chairperson

Presented By: Holly Easterling, Chairman Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Permanent Resolution Number 22-013

Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee)

Explanation: The resolution creates a permanent Select Committee designated the "Legislative Ethics Select Committee" by adopting language to be codified at Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204.

Requested By: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander

Permanent Resolution Number 22-016

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Marriage Ceremony Act)

Explanation: This resolution establishes the Marriage Ceremony Act of 2005 pursuant to which the Judges and Justices of the Chickasaw Nation and members of the clergy may perform marriages within the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation. The resolution also amends the application and filing fees for marriage licenses.

Requested By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-017

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 6, Article D, Section 6-304.22

of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Termination of Parental Rights)

Explanation: This resolution amends the Code of the Chickasaw Nation to provide better definitions of circumstances when the District Court may terminate parental rights. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

Requested By:Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 22-018

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Rights of Majority)

Explanation: This resolution provides rules and procedures for the District Court enabling it to confer rights of majority to persons under eighteen (18) years of age in certain situations and upon certain procedures. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

Requested By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

As amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Brown family reunion Aug. 5

In Loving Memory of the late Otto and Lillie (Martin) Brown, a family reunion has been organized in their honor. The festivities will take place on Friday, August 5, 2005 through Sunday, August 7, 2005 at the home of the Brown Generation 1607 Lighthouse Road, Ardmore, OK 73401-8852. If you have any questions concerning this event, please contact Cheryl Renee (Brown) Hansbrough at (816) 795-0127 or email Sandra D. Pickens at sdpickens@yahoo.com

Otto and Lillie Brown

Chickasaw-Choctaw warfare, continued from page 25

Choctaw villages—with English supplied arms—primarily to capture Indians to trade to the English in exchange for more arms. The English needed slave labor in their Caribbean sugarcane fields and the Chickasaws needed arms to survive against their enemies. According to French documents, the Chickasaws were successful because the quality and quantity of English arms was far superior to what France could supply to their Indian allies.

Other factors aided the Chickasaws. Choctaw retaliation typically also came via small surprise raids. Southeastern Indians didn't attack one another en masse, mainly because it was their practice to minimize war-related casualties. Finally, though the Choctaws were by far numerically superior, those with ancestral ties to the Chickasaws likely would not seek revenge on behalf of tribal members without ancestral ties to them. Kinship normally trumped tribal ties, according to both tribal members and anthropologists.

Moreover, the Choctaws, with French agitation and arms, presumably counter-attacked only the villages of Chickasaws who had been raiding their villages. But if French records were not grossly exaggerated, the Choctaws may have been persuaded by their French allies to escalate these counter-attacks considerably, not just to exact revenge, but to vanquish the Chickasaw raiders. In the winter of 1722-23, according to French records, Choctaw warriors destroyed three Chickasaw villages.

Though the French doubtless exaggerated battlefield reports, there is archaeological evidence that most of these Chickasaw villages located closest to the Choctaws, on ridges overlooking Chiwapa and Coonewah creeks in modern southwestern Lee Count, had been abandoned before 1725. The question is, were the villages burned to the ground before or after they were abandoned.

I believe it was the latter. To attack and destroy three well-fortified Chickasaw villages would require major full-scale attacks waged by Europeans but not Southeastern Indians. It is much more likely that the Chickasaws decided that the villages were just too vulnerable to attack and so they decided to relocate. Their vulnerability was not only geographic. Because the attackers presumably had no kinship ties to their targets they were perfectly free to dispatch as many of these Chickasaws as they could.

The kinship distinction still was observed into the 1730s. French Governor Bienville wanted to attack Chickasaw villages harboring the Natchez. But his Choctaw allies led the French army to three other Chickasaw villages, Ackia, Apeony and Chukafalaya and insisted that they be attacked first. Why? Because those Choctaws knew that the three villages housed some of the Chickasaws who had abandoned their Coonewah and Chiwapa ridge villages, and revenge was still on their minds.

By the 1740s, when the Chickasaws had consolidated into only one settlement area, Old Town, the kinship distinctions were harder—though not impossible—to recognize. Historians most often ascribe the Choctaw Civil War of the late 1740s to a pro-English and a pro-French faction fighting it out. But the influence of kin ties between the Chickasaw and some Choctaw, even after a half century of European contact, should not be minimized. With the murder of the English allied Choctaw chief Red Shoe, the pro-French Choctaws were firmly in control, and they were probably making little if any distinction in their Chickasaw targets during the long, lethal siege of the 1750s.

With the essential aid of arms from South Carolina and Georgia, the Chickasaws successfully defended their homeland until 1763, when France sold its colony, Louisiana, to Spain. The pro-French Choctaws had lost their ally, and the few post-1760 incursions against the Chickasaws were likely based on settling old and private scores.

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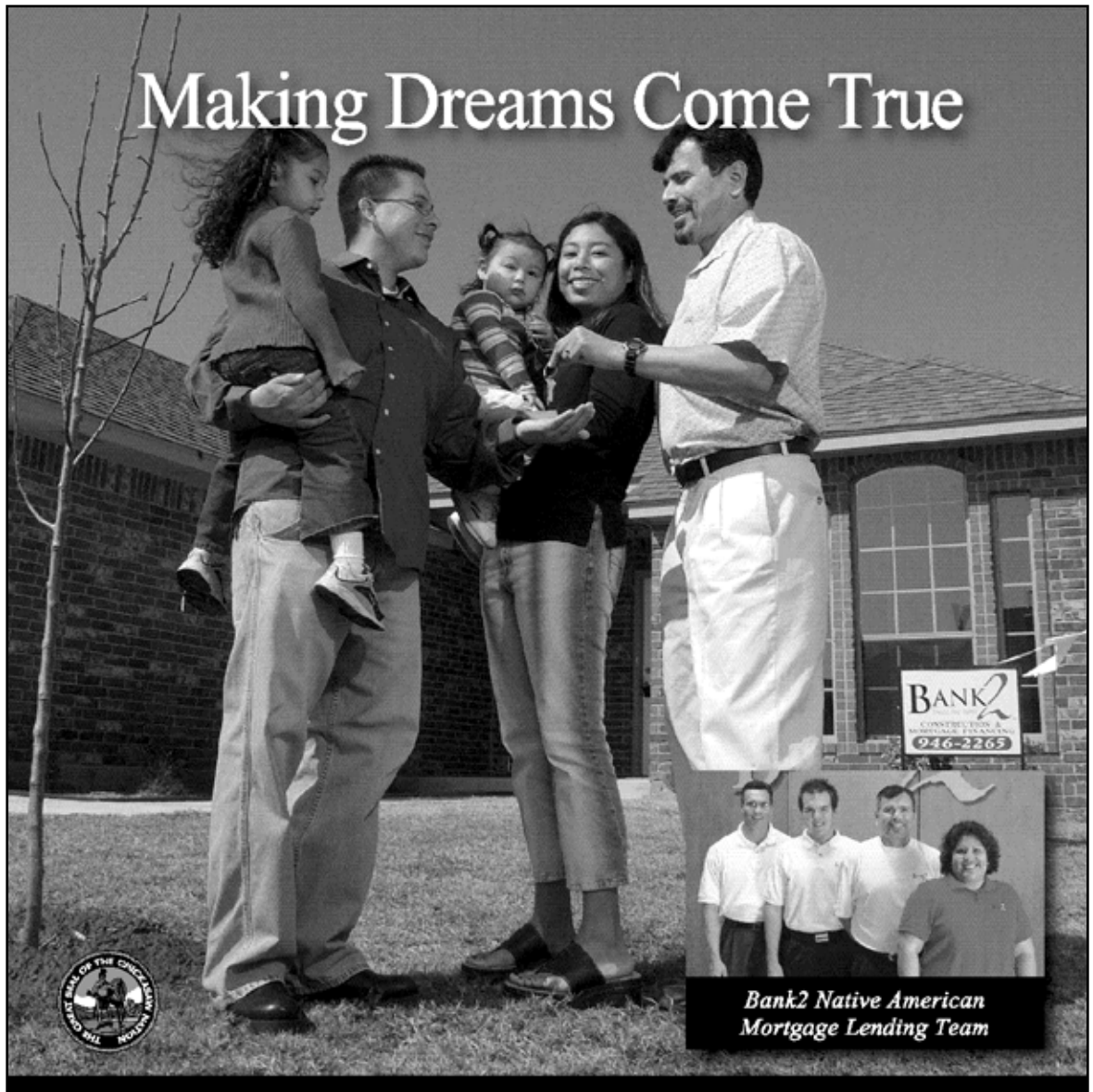

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Daniel Vernon Liddell, III

Daniel Vernon Liddell, III, 54, of Livingston, Montana, died June 12, 2005. Memorial services were June 25, 2005 at Livingston.

Mr. Liddell was born September 16, 1950 in Gladewater, Texas to the late Daniel Vernon Liddell, Jr., and Vera Liddell. He was the grandson of the late Minnie Keel Liddell, an original enrollee and full-blood Chickasaw.

Mr. Liddell graduated from Gladewater High School and attended Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas and Stephen P. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas. He also studied life drawing at Texas A&M.

He was a professional artist and actor. He was a professional illustrator for the Native American book series entitle *California Native American Tribes,* written by Mary Boule'. Some of his sculpture found its way as a gift to former CNN CEO Ted Turner. An 8' x 10' mural depicting buffalo stampeding across Puget Sound was commissioned by a restaurant in Ruston, Wash. He was a skilled "brain" tanner and craftsman of Native American artifacts having produced parfleches, traditional shirts, dresses, moccasins, sinnue backed bows and arrows.

Mr. Liddell's background included stints as a commercial fisherman in Alaska, wild land fire fighter in Yellowstone National Park, ranch foreman and carpenter.

He is survived by a daughter, Lily Talula Liddell of Bordentown, N.J.; his mother, Vera Liddell of Gladewater; sisters, Margaret Pevehouse of Dallas, and Ellen L. Walyus of Weatherford, Texas; and a brother, Keel Liddell of Gladewater.

George L. Hopkins

George L. Hopkins, 86, of San Bernardino, Calif., died April 6, 2005 after a lengthy illness. He was born Nov. 18, 1918 at Oklahoma.

He was the grandson of Ella and Will Colley and was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

He lived in San Bernardino for the last 58 years. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local Union 944 for over 50 years and a member of the Faternal Order of Eagles, San Bernardino.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline; and two brothers, James and Donner.

He is survived by his wife, Ava; a son; three daughters; two step-sons; three sisters; a brother; 18 grandchildren; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Vanessa Azucena Jacome and Maximillion Andres Overton Jacome

Vanessa Azucena Jacome, 15, and Maximillion Andres Overton Jacome, 9, of Ardmore, Okla., went to be with the Lord together, May 28, 2005 at Gainesville, Texas.

A prayer service was June 2, 2005 at Griffin Funeral Home, Ardmore with funeral services conducted June 3, 2005 at First Baptist Church, Ardmore with Randy Thompson officiating. Burial took place at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Vanessa was born January 2, 1990, and Maximillion was born March 28, 1996, both in Decatur, Texas to Victor and Carmela Jacome.

Maximillion was a member of Many Nations Baptist Church. He loved to play basketball, run and won several first-place ribbons in school. He liked to dance and sing, even if he didn't know the words to the song. He loved to draw.

Vanessa was also a member of Many Nations Baptist Church and was very active in the youth group. She was her mother's best friend and loved playing games with her. She also liked volleyball, music, singing, dancing and pandas. She was a friend to everyone who knew her, and was involved in a Chickasaw genealogy project.

They are survived by their parents of the home; two brothers, Gabriel Jacome and Joaquin Jacome, both of the home; paternal grandparents, Melvin and Kathleen Stoner of Duncan, Okla., and Joaquin and Gloria Jacome of Sonora, Calif.; maternal grandparents, Francisco and Victoria Galaviz of Durango, Mexico; great-grandparents, Marion Overton Whitfield of Comanche, Okla., and Genevieve "Kitty" Pipin of Hayward, Calif.; and many, many aunts, uncles, cousins and Vanessa's boyfriend, Kevin Bob.

They were preceded in death by great-grandparents.

Elmay Walton Alexander

Elmay Walton Alexander, 83, Dallas, formerly of Stonewall, Okla., died July 1, 205. Services were July 5, 2005. Burial followed in Red Springs Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 20, 1921 in Stonewall to Holmes and Millie Johnson Walton. She attended school at Carter Seminary and moved to Dallas in 1958.

She married Sando B. Alexander in 1944. He died Aug. 24, 1969.

Mrs. Alexander was an assembly line worker on semi-conductors for Texas Instruments until her retirement. She was a member of Red Springs Methodist Church and a member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is survived by three sons, Homer Shields, Oklahoma City, Jerry Dale Shields, Dallas, and Michael Eugene Demarrias, Dallas; eight grandchildren, and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Jerry Carrier, Tommy Edwards, Deon Maylin, Jerry Shields and Michael Demarrias.

Virgie James

Virgie "Granny" James, 92, died May 1, 2005. She was born March 12, 1913 to Oscie and Ida (Ned) Collins at Connerville, Okla.

Services were May 5, 2005 at Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, with interment in Seely Cemetery, Connerville.

She attended the Chilocco School for girls and graduated from Carter Seminary, Ardmore, Okla.

She and C.B. "Buck" James were married in Ada, Okla., in 1950. She worked many years as a nurse. She was a life-long resident of Connerville and a member of Blue Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Connerville Senior Site where she did volunteer service. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, fishing and always helping others, especially the ill.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen Chapman of Connerville; a sister, Leora Sealy of Roff, Okla., two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, "Buck" James; parents, Oscie and Ida Collins; brothers, Leroy "Bigboy" Collins, Andrew Alexander and Russell "Rusty" Alexander; sisters, Opal Poe, Delilia Johnson, Lizzie Columbus, and Pearline Carter; one grandchild, Steve Columbus; nephews, Jody Poe, John Collins and Wayne Reed; son-in-law, Elzie Chapman; and brother-in-law, Emerson Sealy.

A Message From Heaven

I still hear the songs, I still see the lights, I still feel your love every single night, I still share your hopes and All of your care's, I'll even remind you to please say your prayers, I just want to tell you, your still make me proud, you stand head and shoulders above a little crowd, Keep trying each moment to stay in his grace. I came before you to help set your place, You don't have to be perfect all of the time, He forgives you the slip if you continue the climb, To my family and friends please be thankful today, I'm still close behind you in a new special way, To my children, I love you all dearly so please don't shed a tear. Cause I'm spending my birthday with Jesus this year.

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